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OF  
PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: DRAKE SUPERFUND SITE/DRAKE CHEMICAL

BEFORE: ROY SCHROCK, CHAIRMAN  
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2 MS. NURSE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.  
3 My name is Leanne Nurse and I'm a Community Relations  
4 Coordinator for the United States Environmental Protection  
5 Agency. And you usually refer to us simply as EPA.

6 We are based in the Philadelphia office which  
7 serves what we call Federal Region Three. And it covers  
8 activities in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia,  
9 West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

10 But, of course, tonight what we would like to  
11 talk with you about is the Drake Chemical Superfund Site  
12 right here in Lock Haven. I just wanted to, for those of  
13 you who may or may not have attended the meetings about  
14 this site in the past, talk a little bit about public  
15 participation in the Superfund.

16 And the Superfund program, of course, has been  
17 mandated by Congress to allow you, the people, a say in  
18 certain specific points at which you are formally given the  
19 opportunity to participate in the decision making for  
20 cleanups of Superfund sites. But in this case, you've been  
21 very fortunate because due to some continuity of staffing,  
22 which is very unusual with any large organization, Roy  
23 Schrock, the Project Manager, has been engaged in a  
24 constant dialogue here in the community both with you as  
25 citizens and with local officials as well.

1           So, at this point in the Superfund process in  
2 terms of where we are and what happens when a site is newly  
3 discovered and the studies are done and decisions are made  
4 about how to clean it up, there is a period of time during  
5 which the actual cleanup operation is designed technically.  
6 We call that remedial design.

7           And what we are going to talk about tonight is  
8 some of the technical aspects and other questions that you  
9 have about how the cleanup will proceed at the Drake  
10 Chemical Superfund Site.

11           This kind of meeting is not required  
12 necessarily by the Superfund Law. But we think it's really  
13 important since you have lived with the site for all this  
14 time and you will be living with the cleanup and once  
15 everything is all cleaned up and we are gone, then you will  
16 still be here and it's important for you to understand why  
17 we think the way that we're proceeding is appropriate, and  
18 also to respond to specific questions that you may have  
19 sent in.

20           How many people responded to the coupon in the  
21 Lock Haven Express? Did anybody cut out their coupon?  
22 Good. We got one person who read The Express. Thank you  
23 very much.

24           But in any case -- oh, another gentleman.

25           AUDIENCE: I just wanted to say, I can hardly

1 hear you. I don't know if you can use a microphone or not,  
2 but it would be helpful.

3 MS. NURSE: I'll speak up. I'm capable of  
4 getting very loud. It's okay. It comes in handy at public  
5 meetings, but I try not to be overbearing about it.

6 We were able to pull together some people that  
7 we hope will help you in responding to questions you've had  
8 in the past, questions that may come up during the course  
9 of this evening's meeting.

10 We have people from both EPA, from the  
11 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, from  
12 the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and also from  
13 one of our contractors, Rust, and they will be also  
14 responding to some of the technical aspects of the cleanup.

15 Now, in terms of ground rules, we've got a lot  
16 of people here this evening and I'm sure everybody has got  
17 lots of questions, whether or not you had submitted them in  
18 the past. And one of the things that Roy has been able to  
19 keep doing at this site is to make transcripts of all of  
20 the meetings that we have had for the general public, and  
21 it's been a useful tool because it's a way for you to go  
22 back to the library to the various repositories and say,  
23 oh, that's the answer to that question that you may have  
24 forgotten about at the particular moment.

25 So for the purposes of our public record, we

1 would invite you to identify yourself when you speak and  
2 ask your questions, and if you'd like to give any  
3 particular organizational affiliation, that is fine.

4           You should also understand, however, that due  
5 to some recent changes in the EPA policy, if you don't feel  
6 comfortable identifying yourself, it is okay, because your  
7 name will show up in the transcript simply as audience, or  
8 I think our stenographer will give us some other kind of  
9 tag. So you will get credit for your remarks. You will  
10 see your conversation in the transcript, but it's strictly  
11 up to you whether you'd like to be personally identified or  
12 not.

13           We want to thank the folks in Lock Haven for  
14 allowing to us come one more time and interrupt your busy  
15 schedules, and especially the folks at the University for  
16 letting us use the Planetarium.

17           As you are probably more familiar than I,  
18 toilet facilities are down this way. There is a pay phone  
19 in another part of the building, but I think we can get to  
20 it pretty easily.

21           Again, we appreciate the fact that you have  
22 taken time out of your schedules, and I would like at this  
23 point to let the various staff people here introduce  
24 themselves to you and then turn the meeting over to Roy  
25 Schrock, who is the Remedial Project Manager for EPA.

1 Roy. They know who you are, but you should  
2 stand up for those who don't.

3 MR. SCHROCK: I'm Roy Schrock. I'm with EPA.  
4 And I'm the Project Manager for the site.

5 MS. NURSE: Why don't we start with the folks  
6 from DER.

7 MS. DOWNS: My name is Sandra Downs, I'm a  
8 Project Officer for the State of Pennsylvania.

9 MR. NEWCOMER: Larry Newcomer, I'm the Manager  
10 of the Antracites Program out of the Williamsport office.

11 MS. ROBINSON: Tracy Robinson, local government  
12 liaison for DER.

13 MR. SWANSON: I'm Todd Swanson, I'm with the  
14 Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, and I'm the  
15 resident engineer here at Lock Haven.

16 MR. MODRICKER: My name is Dave Modricker. I'm  
17 a Project Engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers in Lock  
18 Haven.

19 MR. CONWAY: My name is Tom Conway. I'm also  
20 one of the project engineers for the Drake Chemical Site.

21 MS. NURSE: A couple other folks from DER.

22 MR. ZANONI: I'm Dan Zanoni and I'm a Community  
23 Relations Coordinator for DER's office in Williamsport.

24 MR. HARRINGTON: I'm Tim Harrington and I'm the  
25 Vice President and Officer in Charge of this project for

1 Rust Remedial Services.

2 MR. JONES: I'm Gary Jones. I'm the Project  
3 Manager with the project for Rust.

4 MR. ZUKOW: I'm Victor Zukow. I'm the Resident  
5 Manager in charge of the construction of the site.

6 MR. SCHROCK: As far as the actual presentation  
7 tonight, I don't really have a set or planned agenda that I  
8 expect to go through. I did get some of the questions and  
9 I'm going to try to respond to those questions.

10 But I also think that with the number of people  
11 here, we probably have some people with questions in hand,  
12 in fact, I'm sure we do. So I want to go through some of  
13 the ideas that I think are important to present, and  
14 through the question and answer period I'll try to cover  
15 the remaining ideas that I sort of put together on my list  
16 of questions.

17 I want to basically thank you all for coming.  
18 I know in the middle of the Summer it is not as easy to get  
19 out and go about these kind of activities, but from what I  
20 can see, this is a pretty good turnout for some of our  
21 recent meetings.

22 The last meeting we actually held was in  
23 December of '92. That meeting had -- actually the dates  
24 had to shift around because of some snow storms we had that  
25 year. And I have been actually talking about having a

1 meeting up here since last September, but once we got into  
2 the Winter, it just seemed like being able to plan a  
3 particular day and having the weather cooperate was sort of  
4 difficult.

5 So I have waited until now and there is a  
6 couple reasons that I waited this long. The first of it is  
7 that within the last month or so we put some more documents  
8 into the repositories. Those documents are the bid  
9 specifications that EPA, the Corps released out to the  
10 different contractors who were interested in this job.

11 And we also had a series of amendments that  
12 went with those bid specifications. All of those documents  
13 are in the repositories now, and we also included a copy of  
14 the proposal from Rust which describes in a little more  
15 detail what they plan to do at the site.

16 So I wanted to have those documents available  
17 so that there might be a chance to look at them and to  
18 develop some of your questions based on those documents.  
19 If you haven't seen them, like I say, they are in the  
20 library still. The reason I think you need to see those is  
21 that they form the basis of the contract for our work at  
22 the site.

23 The contract requirements are rather specific  
24 and go into a lot of detail. And just the way the Army  
25 Corps sets out the specs, they all have different page



1 numbers and codes that form different sections. So the  
2 documents I have put in the library have been restamped  
3 with different page numbers that are part of what we call  
4 an administrative record for the site.

5 So if you do get a chance to look at these  
6 documents and there is a particular section maybe on the  
7 air monitoring that really raises a question, try and write  
8 down that page number too, so if I get another question  
9 regarding a particular comment or a requirement that we  
10 have made, if you put that page number, it's AR, about five  
11 or six numbers after it, that will help direct me to the  
12 exact place where you were reading so that I can try and  
13 figure out exactly what the answer would be to those kinds  
14 of questions. So again, just feel free to go look at those  
15 when you have some time. Okay.

16 We put the bid spec out, I think originally in  
17 April of '93, and went through the series of amendments and  
18 a pre-bid meeting and we got some questions from a lot of  
19 different vendors, in fact. And the one thing that I was  
20 very pleased about in terms of the review of the bid specs  
21 and the review of the different proposals is, we got a good  
22 number of companies that were interested in doing this job.

23 I think that competition is a very good thing  
24 when you are looking at this kind of an activity where it's  
25 very important that we want to go after companies who know

1 what they are doing and how to do it best. And that's, in  
2 fact, the way we did approach this review of the different  
3 proposals from contractors.

4 We reviewed them first on the technical  
5 qualifications. A panel of people, I think there might  
6 have been seven or eight different government personnel  
7 reviewing the proposals and they were to rank each of the  
8 contractors, each of the proposals in terms of their  
9 technical qualifications.

10 And then there was a second step where we  
11 looked at the costs associated with each of those  
12 proposals. And then we went back out with a series of  
13 questions for the contractors, asking them to clarify  
14 certain things about their proposals which maybe needed  
15 more detail.

16 And I'm actually very pleased to say that we  
17 ended up selecting Rust and they were, in fact, the most  
18 technically qualified of all the bids that we received. So  
19 I want you just to be, if there is any comfort in it, we  
20 didn't go for the low bidder just because we wanted to save  
21 money. We actually chose the contractor that we felt could  
22 do the best job and seemed to understand what they were  
23 going to do.

24 And for me that is really very important  
25 because incineration is a technology that I am still in the

1 learning curve by going through the process that I have  
2 gone through and working with the Corps, the contractors.  
3 I'm still in the process of learning certain things about  
4 what it is they are actually doing and how they are going  
5 to do it.

6 So we have hired a contractor who has the  
7 experience, has the knowledge and has the kind of staff  
8 available to us to answer the kind of questions that may  
9 come up that are really maybe things I personally can't  
10 answer but I can find somebody in that company who will  
11 help me understand it so that I can then explain it back to  
12 the public.

13 So the contract was officially awarded on  
14 September 30, 1993. The bid proposal was for \$46.3  
15 million.

16 I want to get back to the competition factor  
17 here because when we proposed to do the incineration remedy  
18 back in 1988, the government estimate at that time was  
19 about \$88 million.

20 And then over the course of the design where we  
21 developed the specific requirements that we were asking  
22 for, and in some of the meetings that we had here and in  
23 other places, in City Hall, things like that, people  
24 started talking about a cost of \$120 million and I know  
25 that the figure of \$120 million was thrown around in the

1 newspaper and on the radio for a few months. /

2 So I feel that coming in at 46.3 million is a  
3 substantial savings over the estimates that the government  
4 had to begin with and that people had talked about. And  
5 again, we also were selecting the most qualified  
6 technically capable contractor.

7 So I'm rather pleased with the way the bid  
8 process went. I'm pleased with the company we selected.  
9 And I know that we've got a long road ahead of us and there  
10 is probably going to be things that will change in the  
11 course of time whereby these costs will increase.

12 If there are certain things that we feel are  
13 necessary for public health, public protection, response to  
14 local concerns, EPA is more than willing to spend more  
15 money and provide that kind of protection that we need.

16 So as I go through some of the things tonight,  
17 I will try to point out things that, yes, I may have to pay  
18 more than the original bid, but the Government, EPA, feels  
19 that it's worth it if it's necessary for the protection of  
20 public health.

21 All right. The first thing I just want to go  
22 over is the schedule. I know that is probably one of your  
23 main concerns, what is going to happen next and when do we  
24 expect things to really be really busy back in the Drake  
25 Chemical Site.

1           If things are going well, we still have a lot  
2 of documents that need to be reviewed and approved by the  
3 Government and the DER. But the proposed schedule, I'd  
4 say, would be actually mobilized back here at the site  
5 starting sometime this summer, probably late summer.

6           The first kind of activities would be just to  
7 set up trailer facilities, get the utilities connected,  
8 things like that, and then eventually go into what we'll  
9 call the site area which will actually be what we call an  
10 exclusion zone.

11           So what that really means is that we are going  
12 to be doing activities in areas that are considered clean  
13 first and then we will begin activities in the contaminated  
14 areas.

15           One of the first things we are going to be  
16 doing is to actually install sheet pile around the  
17 perimeter of the site. Sheet pile is basically a wall that  
18 will go down through the soils so that when we go to start  
19 digging out the approximately nine acres down to twelve and  
20 a half feet, the sheet pile will actually hold the cleaner  
21 soils that are outside of our excavation area and will  
22 allow us to go down twelve and a half feet.

23           The reason we chose to dig the twelve and a  
24 half feet is because that is basically where the water  
25 table starts. The soils go down the twelve and a half feet

1 and then we get into more of a sand layer and the  
2 groundwater is actually within that sand area.

3 This part of the project is dealing with just  
4 excavation, incineration of the soils. The groundwater  
5 will be a separate treatment which we would hope to go  
6 through in the near future by coordinating with the AC&C  
7 Company who already has a treatment plant there.

8 But before I can reach the point where we are  
9 actually going to start pumping water and treating water,  
10 we are going to need to sign legal documents which will  
11 allow them to do the work for EPA and work out any kind of  
12 credit or liability issues. So I do have a number of  
13 lawyers involved in that. And that in itself is going to  
14 take some time.

15 The one thing we do have to be aware of is that  
16 there are actual regulations that govern incinerators.  
17 There is a set of laws called Resource Conservation and  
18 Recovery Act which has a section dealing specifically with  
19 incinerators.

20 And one of the main things that the RCRA regs  
21 require is that you prove that this incinerator will meet  
22 certain destruction requirements. That is the same words,  
23 but they by regulation must prove that they can, let's say  
24 destroy 99.99 percent of the contaminants which are at the  
25 site.

1           What it really means though is that they have  
2 to make sure that when you have contaminated materials  
3 going in, that no more than .01 percent of those  
4 contaminants will go out the stack of that incinerator. So  
5 that is one of the main things we have to prove, and those  
6 kind of tests to prove the equipment actually works right  
7 will be done in what we call a trial burn.

8           So once we go through this sheet pile, we have  
9 installed that and that should start, I'd say early winter;  
10 if we are lucky a little earlier. And once we have the  
11 sheet pile in, they've got a couple things they have to do  
12 before they actually build an incinerator.

13           One is to replace a water and sewer line which  
14 are running through contaminated soils, so we are actually  
15 going to be digging out the contaminated soils, replacing  
16 the water/sewer line and filling that back in with clean  
17 dirt.

18           They also have to dig out an area down the  
19 twelve and a half feet where they are actually going to  
20 place the incinerator. By the time they get through those  
21 two activities, putting back in the clean dirt and  
22 beginning the construction of the incinerator, it probably  
23 will be February or March of next year.

24           And then once we have the incinerator built,  
25 then we will get ready to do the trial burn. The trial

1 burn will probably not happen until, I'd say early summer  
2 of '95. The trial burn, as I said, is required to prove  
3 that this piece of equipment works like we intend it to  
4 work and to prove that it works as the company has proposed  
5 that it is capable of working.

6 Once we get those tests results, we have to  
7 evaluate those results, see if they, in fact, met the  
8 requirements, and then we will go into what we call issuing  
9 a permit so that they can begin operation. So our real  
10 full-time burning of the dirt will not occur probably until  
11 Summer of '95, sometime during that summer.

12 And if everything goes as we plan, the actual  
13 amount of time it's going to take to burn the 200,000 cubic  
14 yards is now down to about one year worth of time. So that  
15 means we should be basically done with all the incineration  
16 by Summer of '96.

17 And following that, following the closure of  
18 the site, we're basically going to cover it with a soil cap  
19 and revegetate it. The incinerator will be picked up and  
20 moved off the site and will no longer remain in Lock Haven.

21 I know this has come up at other meetings  
22 before, but it is, in fact, the way the Superfund program  
23 works. This incinerator is meant to be used only at the  
24 Drake Site for the contaminated materials that we have at  
25 the Drake Site. When we are done with that treatment, they



1 something should happen, we have the system in place in the  
2 county already to help deal with any emergencies that might  
3 occur.

4 And in line with that, we are actually going to  
5 be conducting a health and safety training session for some  
6 of the local emergency folks, some of the local fire  
7 fighters, some of the local officials. I think it's to be  
8 held July 11th, and I don't know if the township folks have  
9 been aware of that, but I assume that there will probably  
10 be at least some spots if we need local officials who want  
11 to at least be able to walk into the facility and see what  
12 they are doing.

13 You need to have this health and safety  
14 training before you can go into what we call this exclusion  
15 zone where the contaminated areas are. So we are going to  
16 be providing that in hopes that should something happen,  
17 that we have people who are capable and able to go in and  
18 help Rust and EPA, the Corps, deal with any kind of  
19 emergency problems.

20 I think the main point I would like to get  
21 across tonight is that we are going to be doing a lot of  
22 monitoring. And monitoring actually means a number of  
23 things, when you look at the word and you look at our plans  
24 as to how we are going to do it.

25 So I would like to go over five different areas

1 where we will be doing monitoring and I want you to feel  
2 free that when I'm done with it, if you want me to repeat  
3 it, I would like to go through that again, because I know  
4 it's -- it's not really that confusing but I have stood up  
5 here at a number of meetings and I've said a number of  
6 things about monitoring. And I know some of you that have  
7 been here to every meeting have still questions about, well  
8 I thought you were going to do this or I thought you were  
9 going to do that. So I think that is the first thing I  
10 would like to cover and I really want to spend some time to  
11 make sure that it's clear.

12 The thing that I have said in the past is that  
13 we are going to be doing continuous monitoring of the  
14 incinerator. Now, continuous monitoring actually means to  
15 monitor the incinerator to see that it is working properly.

16 And the way we are going to do that is to set  
17 certain conditions based on the Trial Burn Plan which will  
18 tell us these are the parameters, this is how they should  
19 be operating within this number and this number for a  
20 number of different factors. They will actually be doing  
21 monitoring of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxygen,  
22 nitrogen oxides, temperatures and flow rates.

23 There might be one or two more parameters, but  
24 those are the things that we will look at on a continuous  
25 basis all the time that the unit is in operation. And if,

1 in fact, it operates within the conditions we set at the  
2 Trial Burn Plan, then we believe the unit is operating  
3 properly.

4 Now, that continuous monitoring is actually  
5 done at the facility. They will have a trailer set up  
6 there with computers attached to the incinerator so that  
7 they can actually check these things all the time.

8 We have also promised to do this same kind of  
9 continuous monitoring so that the public can actually see  
10 whether or not this incinerator is operating properly by  
11 themselves. What we had planned to do is set up another,  
12 I'll call it a computer screen, someplace in the community  
13 which will show each of those parameters that we are  
14 monitoring on a continuous basis.

15 We would like to set it up in a place that is  
16 available to the public so that even at 2:00 in the morning  
17 somebody could go in, take a look at it and make sure that,  
18 in fact, the company is operating this thing correctly.

19 As of yet we haven't determined the exact  
20 location for the computer screen in the community, but  
21 there's a number of possibilities. But again, we've got to  
22 find someplace that is open all day and that has some kind  
23 of staff there that may be responsible to help people look  
24 at this thing or show them where it is once they want to  
25 find it.

1           The other kind of monitoring that we will be  
2 doing, during the trial burn we will actually have what  
3 they call sample collectors in the stack of the  
4 incinerator. And those sample collectors will be doing the  
5 actual chemical analysis of what is going on at that stack.

6           So we will be looking for a number of different  
7 organic compounds, the different chemicals that could be  
8 coming out of the soil, different types of chemicals. They  
9 have what they call the volatiles and the semi-volatiles.  
10 But we will still be looking for all different kinds of  
11 chemical compounds that are in the soil already or that, in  
12 fact, could be created by going through the heating  
13 process.

14           They will also be looking for dioxins, furans,  
15 again the nitrogen oxides, and this chemical data will be  
16 used as the basis for EPA and DER to evaluate if, in fact,  
17 this unit is operating properly and if, in fact, it is  
18 going to be protective of public health.

19           Once I get the data from the trial burn, the  
20 chemical data from the trial burn, EPA will go back and  
21 conduct what we call a risk assessment. If you were here  
22 for the November '91 meeting, we did do a presentation on  
23 risk assessment, but that was based on an incinerator size  
24 that we made up, a typical size that was in the industry at  
25 that time.

1                   And based on the wind flow directions in Lock  
2 Haven, we modeled it to see where, in fact, the chemicals  
3 would fall out into the community and to model what those  
4 concentrations would be.

5                   And based on that preliminary analysis, we did  
6 come up with numbers that were protective of public health.  
7 I'm not a toxicologist so I have a hard time trying to  
8 explain exactly what these risk numbers mean, but the way  
9 we look at it is, what is the chances for an increase in  
10 cancer in one in a million people based on these emissions.

11                  For the calculations we did back in 1991, we  
12 were looking at, there would be an increased risk for one  
13 in ten million based on the emissions from the incinerator.  
14 And the problem at that time was really some of the metals.

15                  I had said before that we were mainly concerned  
16 about the cadmium, the chromium and the arsenic because  
17 once they get into a vapor form, they do become a problem  
18 that we need to monitor very closely.

19                  Once we get the chemical data from the trial  
20 burn, I will be going through that kind modeling activity  
21 again and I do expect that we will give you a presentation  
22 based on the findings of the toxicologist who evaluates  
23 what are these emissions coming out of the stack and what  
24 do they mean in terms of public health and protection.

25                  Another piece of the risk assessment that EPA

1 is required to do, and this is really based on the new EPA  
2 Administrator, Carol Browner's policy, that we actually  
3 will conduct an indirect risk assessment. And that means  
4 not only what about the people who are living out in the  
5 community, we are going to be looking at what happens to  
6 these particles as they fall onto the grass and as cows eat  
7 the grass and then cows producing milk and going down like  
8 a food chain type of thing.

9 Now, this is kind of new for EPA. We really  
10 don't have a real standard policy on how we are going to do  
11 this risk assessment, but yet it's another major piece that  
12 we think is important and it's something we plan to do at  
13 this site.

14 So we'll not only look at the risk to the  
15 residents of this town for the one year that we are going  
16 to be doing the burning, we will also be looking at what  
17 are the risks long term after this incinerator is gone,  
18 what will still be the risks because of what we had  
19 actually done during the site operation.

20 So again, following trial burn, again Summer  
21 of '95, maybe Fall of '95, we will conduct another risk  
22 assessment and I will plan on coming back and sharing those  
23 results with the public, putting them in the repositories  
24 and things like that.

25 At that time I will also bring a toxicologist

1 who can really explain what it means and try to answer the  
2 questions a little more technical than I have capabilities  
3 for.

4 Another thing that we have been concerned about  
5 with the DER regulations is that they require what we call  
6 best available technology. So not only are we looking at  
7 what do the regulations require of incinerators, we are  
8 also looking at incinerators across the country to try to  
9 evaluate maybe there's a better way to do it, maybe this  
10 piece of equipment is not the most efficient piece.

11 Let's say the bag house which will collect some  
12 of the dust. Maybe the State will determine that there is  
13 another kind the bag house, air pollution control device  
14 that might be actually better to use. So we are doing it  
15 based on regulations and what we think is the best  
16 available technology; what is the best piece of equipment  
17 we can use.

18 Now, I have to admit that we have looked at  
19 some of the drawings that have been provided to us and I  
20 have talked to other incinerator experts within EPA, and I  
21 do feel that we are very forward thinking in requiring  
22 protection.

23 And what that really means is, we set a  
24 particulate emission rate, which means how much dirt is  
25 going to come out of that stack. The number that we

1 actually set, is .01 grains per dry standard cubic foot.  
2 That is eight times more protective than the RCRA regs  
3 would require.

4 Now, the reason we did that initially is  
5 because the State required that of our specs and I saw no  
6 problem with that. But now when I look at it, I think this  
7 is really very good that we were that stringent on the  
8 particulate emissions because we are in a residential area.  
9 And by establishing that as our standard, I think that puts  
10 us in one of the most protective categories we could be for  
11 this type of industry.

12 And it is, in fact, even more stringent than  
13 the new EPA policies on what particulate emissions should  
14 be. I know that doesn't make a whole lot of sense just  
15 from the words, but the whole idea is, .01 is a very low  
16 number and that's, in fact, what we are going to be trying  
17 to achieve with this particular unit.

18 And in order to achieve that, they have  
19 actually designed it to have two separate air pollution  
20 control pieces as part of the incinerator. The basic idea  
21 for the incinerator is, you put the dirt in the first  
22 chamber, which is the rotary kiln. They will be heating  
23 that up to about 1,000 degrees.

24 It goes from there, the gases will continue to  
25 pass through and go through a secondary chamber which will



1 be operated around 1,600 degrees. Once it goes through the  
2 secondary chamber, it goes into the bag house which will  
3 collect the very fine particulates.

4           Going beyond the bag house, it goes into what  
5 we call a scrubber, a wet scrubber, which the water will  
6 also cool down the gases and further collect some of the  
7 particulates. So that is how they plan to achieve this .01  
8 emission rate.

9           Now, the one thing I want you to be aware of,  
10 because we are using water as the last step of the air  
11 pollution control, you will actually see steam coming out  
12 of that stack. It is not going to be invisible. You will  
13 actually see the water coming out of the stack.

14           So there will be water coming out of the stack  
15 and there will be particulates. Based on the .01 grains,  
16 that requirement, we will be looking at about two pounds of  
17 particulate matter coming out of that stack each hour. And  
18 that is in light of the fact that -- which I didn't say  
19 earlier and I should have.

20           The unit that we are going to place on the site  
21 is actually a little bigger than I thought it would be in  
22 1988 and it was bigger than I thought it would be in 1991.  
23 This unit is big enough to handle up to 60 tons an hour of  
24 contaminated soil. So for each hour we put in 60 tons of  
25 dirt to clean, we are only talking two pounds of dirt

1 coming out the stack. And not all of that will be  
2 contaminates and not all of that will be metals. A lot of  
3 it will still be dirt.

4 So I think that if you can, I don't know, do  
5 some mathematics to calculate how well this air pollution  
6 control is supposed to work, we really are, I think, very  
7 forward thinking in trying to make sure as little as  
8 possible comes out of that stack.

9 One thing I wanted to say about the trial burn  
10 is that within the Trial Burn Plan, the company has  
11 proposed a series of tests. They will actually be doing a  
12 run with this equipment using clean soil, okay, just to  
13 make sure that everything is connected right and that it's  
14 going to be working.

15 Then they will run a few rounds of contaminated  
16 soil as a shakedown to make sure, again, the unit is  
17 operating properly. When we get into the official trial  
18 burn, there will actually be a series of three runs.

19 They will put the dirt in and will run the unit  
20 to meet the requirements that we've set. We will take the  
21 data from all three different trial burn runs and we will  
22 use that to average it and then determine if, in fact, they  
23 meet the requirements.

24 So there is a period of time, it may take two  
25 months to go through these series of burns, but again, it's

1 not going to be the full production burn. Again, this is  
2 just to make sure the equipment works properly.

3 Let me just sort of go back and ask it, on  
4 the -- I didn't finish the different kinds of monitoring,  
5 did I? I'm sorry. So we've got the continuous monitoring  
6 to see if those parameters are operating correctly. We've  
7 got the chemical monitoring in the stack during trial burn.

8 We are also going to have air monitoring at the  
9 perimeter of the site. And that is the make sure that as  
10 we are doing the excavation, we are not dispersing  
11 contaminants into the community that are going to be of a  
12 concern. They will looking for all the different kind of  
13 chemicals in a whole series of different kinds of tests.

14 We are also planning to do what I call  
15 in-the-community ambient air monitoring. And the idea here  
16 is that we are going to set up four different stations  
17 around the incinerator but far enough away that the  
18 sampling will be done in areas where the particulates would  
19 fall down.

20 So it might be, I'm going to guess, it might be  
21 a mile from the actual incinerator. But we are going to be  
22 doing this kind of monitoring before we set up the  
23 incinerator to get an idea of what is the air quality; what  
24 is the chemistry of the air that normally occurs here in  
25 Lock Haven.

1                   We are also going to be doing this  
2   in-the-community air monitoring during the one year that we  
3   are going to be actually operating the incinerator. So the  
4   idea here is to get a background sample, a base line  
5   sample, see what we have out in the community and then  
6   compare it to when we are operating the incinerator.

7                   I think it's important that we do this, but I  
8   also think I need to explain -- we are going to have an  
9   awful lot of data. It's going to go through an awful lot  
10  of different chemicals and they are going to find  
11  concentrations of chemicals that are just normally out  
12  there based on the traffic on 220, based on other  
13  facilities, companies in town that have permits to release  
14  certain contaminants as part of their industrial  
15  operations.

16                  So we are going to find something in the  
17  community. So my hope is that we will do this before we  
18  start burning, after we start burning, and then we can  
19  compare that data to see if, in fact, we've got any kind of  
20  problem based on what comes out of this stack.

21                  The fifth kind of monitoring is actually done  
22  by the company or the workers on the site. They will have  
23  their own health and safety plan that will require workers  
24  to use certain level of protection. They will also require  
25  the workers to have monitors on their uniforms or whatever

1 they are wearing, so that as they are working close to the  
2 activities, the excavation or processing the dirt to get it  
3 ready for the incinerator, they will have a chance to see  
4 if there is any effects that the workers need to worry  
5 about and that the workers maybe should have more  
6 protection as they are going.

7           So I've got a number of different kinds of  
8 monitoring going on that you really just need to understand  
9 that there is all different kinds of it and that we will  
10 have these off-site monitors to show how the incinerator is  
11 working. But that off-site monitor will not show you  
12 chemical data coming out of the stack. That is only going  
13 to occur during the trial burn. But that data is, of  
14 course, something I can make available. Once I get a trial  
15 burn report, we can show you what they found when they did  
16 those measurements.

17           I just want to sort of stop here for one  
18 second, and I know it's hard, but I just want to see if you  
19 understand the different kinds of monitoring or if you have  
20 questions about just the kinds of monitoring.

21           MR. BOWER: I'm Ken Bower from Wayne Township,  
22 and I was wondering you say the ambient air and the air  
23 around there, but how high are we checking this air?

24           MR. SCHROCK: I think it's between two and  
25 seven meters off the ground.

1 MR. BOWER: Off the ground. I'm here to  
2 request that we have those monitors down our way, down  
3 Wayne Township way because of the air --

4 MR. SCHROCK: You sent me a letter. Yeah, I  
5 remember the letter. It's going to be determined by where  
6 we model and see where things are going to fall out. Okay?

7 MR. BOWER: And if they don't fall out with  
8 your trial period, which isn't -- the full chemicals are  
9 getting out of the ground, would that show the same amount  
10 then as it did when you get the trial test out?

11 MR. SCHROCK: We'll have data based on just  
12 what's in the community now, and then we'll have data based  
13 on when the incinerator is running. So that is what we are  
14 going to compare.

15 But again, the distance is going to -- I'm not  
16 exactly sure how far Wayne Township is. I know it's  
17 (indicating) downwind, let's say.

18 MR. BOWER: It's downwind.

19 MR. SCHROCK: But I'm not exactly sure how far  
20 that is. That might be a little further than we are going  
21 to be looking.

22 MR. BOWER: It is a little further than what  
23 you're looking.

24 MR. SCHROCK: Because we want to put it in  
25 places -- if there is going to be something falling out, we

1 want to put it in places where we would find it. /

2 MR. BOWER: Yeah. But the air turbulence is  
3 awful high here at different times of the year and it  
4 carries a long ways, and that's our concern. Even though a  
5 lot of this is going to fall short, it will fall down our  
6 way. Most of the people down there are concerned about it,  
7 and that's why I came up to see about getting a monitor  
8 down there.

9 MR. SCHROCK: Well, that could happen. I won't  
10 say no, but I can't say yes at this point. We did take one  
11 full year worth of meteorologic data from the site. So  
12 I've got a whole year's worth of data that will tell me  
13 where the wind is going and how it changes. And I'm going  
14 to use that wind data to determine where I put them.

15 So when I get to the point where I know where  
16 they are, I'll remember and try and get back to you. If  
17 it's a possibility, if that is the kind of location we want  
18 to use, definitely I will get right back in touch with you,  
19 because I would like to really work with the townships and  
20 the local governments in placing these monitors.

21 MR. BOWER: You say only four you are getting?

22 MR. SCHROCK: Four in the community, right.

23 MR. BOWER: Do you think that would be enough?

24 MR. SCHROCK: Yes. We'll see the data. If we  
25 find something, then maybe we will have to add more. That's

1 one thing I said earlier, if, in fact, I think there's  
2 reasons to add more, there is a way I can do that.

3 MR. BOWER: I mean when you're checking it,  
4 like you are checking maybe a mile, you have them all out a  
5 mile, are you going to stop there or are you going to check  
6 further to see if it does drift further?

7 MR. SCHROCK: Well, to start off with, I'm just  
8 going to start with four. If I find a reason --

9 MR. BOWER: What I'm saying is, if you're  
10 checking one, like you say, approximately one mile. But if  
11 you're checking one mile down the road and you find  
12 nothing, so are you going to quit there or are you going to  
13 start moving closer back to Lock Haven or closer to the  
14 incinerator is what I'm saying? Or are you going to go  
15 beyond that to make sure that it didn't go any further than  
16 that?

17 MR. SCHROCK: There is a chance, but at this  
18 point I couldn't say what we would do. The intention right  
19 now is just to set up those stations and start collecting  
20 data. To move it around like that wouldn't give me a  
21 comparison as to what the background was compared to once  
22 we started operating.

23 But again, there is always the possibility. I  
24 can't -- you know. But until I start collecting data and  
25 know what I'm looking at, I can't be just adding 100 more



1 stations. Okay.

2 We do have the stations close to the site. We  
3 will have some in the community. If we need more, we can  
4 add more. But I've got to get through to the point where I  
5 know what I'm doing, what's the quality of air normally; is  
6 there a change with the incinerator based on where we would  
7 expect it to go. And then we'll determine if, in fact, we  
8 have to change things.

9 MR. BOWER: The question come to a lot of  
10 people down there, are we going to involved? Is there  
11 some way that I can tell them, you know, like you are to  
12 check, that we don't have to worry about it; it's not  
13 coming that way.

14 I mean they would like to see a monitor down  
15 that way even though it may not get down that far, but they  
16 would like to know that it's not coming down there; they  
17 don't have to worry about it.

18 MR. SCHROCK: When I get to the point that I  
19 can answer that question, I'll give you an answer to say.  
20 I honestly can't do it at this point. But how far is Wayne  
21 Township from here?

22 MR. BOWER: It's eight miles.

23 MR. SCHROCK: I'm not going to say that -- you  
24 know, wind is wind and it's going to disperse over a large  
25 area. But the further it goes, the less and less you are

1 going to see.

2 MR. BOWER: It may be closer to where your  
3 incinerator is going to be though. I'm talking Youngdale  
4 Road, down that way.

5 MR. SCHROCK: No. The incinerator is back  
6 there at the Drake Site. We know where that begins.

7 MR. BOWER: It's a little closer to the other  
8 part of our township down there.

9 MR. SCHROCK: But when I do that modeling and  
10 determine where we are going place it --

11 MR. BOWER: Just so that we can have something  
12 to tell the people that we don't have nothing down here;  
13 you don't have nothing to worry about.

14 MR. SCHROCK: I understand, but I'll have to  
15 get back to you on that one. I do have your letter from a  
16 while back, though.

17 MR. PEDLOW: I'm George Pedlow, I'm a Geologist  
18 in Lock Haven. During the trial burn, how heavily  
19 contaminated will be some of the soil that you use in the  
20 trial burn in order to determine what level of contaminants  
21 are being tested in the stack gases?

22 MR. SCHROCK: Okay. What I would like to see  
23 is that we use actual dirt from the site.

24 MR. PEDLOW: Well, that's one thing, but we all  
25 know that the contamination levels vary from place to place

1 on the site.

2 MR. SCHROCK: There is a variation, yes. But  
3 you've got to remember, just from the excavating and the  
4 sorting out of the rocks or whatever, there is going to  
5 also be a good bit of mixing of this dirt just to get it  
6 ready to feed into the incinerator.

7 If I were to make my guess is that we are going  
8 to be doing sampling of the stockpiles to have data before  
9 we feed it to the incinerator. But my understanding based  
10 on the treatability study back in 1990, we were finding  
11 that the concentrations of total organics were less than  
12 ten parts per million. So generally, the math in my head,  
13 ten parts per million, it's a relatively -- not highly  
14 contaminated. I don't know if that's the best way to say  
15 it; but we are not talking about extremely high  
16 concentrations.

17 AUDIENCE: Fifty pounds a day. How many pounds  
18 an hour?

19 MR. SCHROCK: Of dirt. Not all of those  
20 contaminants will be coming out the stack.

21 AUDIENCE: It's still 50 pounds of something  
22 coming out of the stack.

23 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

24 AUDIENCE: Spread over a small area.

25 MR. SCHROCK: Square miles, but yes.

1 AUDIENCE: Roy, do you have any idea or does  
2 Rust have any idea at the present time what is going to be  
3 the temperature of the gases, steam, whatever, that is  
4 coming out of your stack?

5 MR. SCHROCK: Let me look and see if they know.

6 MR. HARRINGTON: They will be about 185 degrees  
7 or thereabouts.

8 AUDIENCE: 185. Do you have any data as to  
9 what height that that will rise?

10 MR. HARRINGTON: There's formulas for  
11 calculating that.

12 AUDIENCE: Yes, I know.

13 MR. HARRINGTON: But I don't know what that  
14 number is.

15 AUDIENCE: Is it a possibility that it could  
16 get up into the winds aloft?

17 MR. SCHROCK: You'd probably have to run the  
18 calculations.

19 MR. HARRINGTON: You'd have to run the  
20 calculations.

21 AUDIENCE: Which means that your monitors  
22 within the mile radius, two-mile radius, ten-mile radius  
23 will show nothing.

24 MR. SCHROCK: Well, no. These things --

25 AUDIENCE: Because if it gets up --

1 MR. SCHROCK: They will be dispersed.

2 AUDIENCE: -- into the winds aloft at different  
3 speeds, they are from different directions, as are surface  
4 winds, right?

5 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

6 AUDIENCE: So this could be blown for miles and  
7 you could come back and say, well, our monitors are showing  
8 nothing.

9 MR. SCHROCK: There's still very good ways to  
10 predict where you would think that it would come down.

11 AUDIENCE: Where you would think?

12 MR. SCHROCK: Well, we have the year worth of  
13 data from the site. We do know what is going on right  
14 there. We are using that information.

15 AUDIENCE: But you had no data as to the height  
16 that what is coming out of those stacks, be it gases, or be  
17 it steam, you have no data available as to what height that  
18 that is going to ascend to, what altitude.

19 MR. SCHROCK: We'll have to look into that.

20 AUDIENCE: Also you have no data as to the  
21 direction of the -- you may have on the surface wind, but  
22 how about the atmospheric wind, and how about the winds up  
23 higher?

24 MR. SCHROCK: Well, we had a tower that was 30  
25 meters. So we are not just talking just our level. We are

1 talking fairly high. But again, I'm not looking up a mile  
2 high, no.

3 AUDIENCE: Is it possible that these gases  
4 could go a mile high?

5 MR. SCHROCK: Well, they are going to have to  
6 do a calculation on it. I mean I don't have that today. I  
7 can look into that, though, and I can get back to you on  
8 that.

9 MR. HARRINGTON: Roy, when the modeling is done  
10 of the stack discharge, one of the things that is put into  
11 that model is the temperature of the gas and the velocity  
12 of the gas in the stack. So there is a prediction, a  
13 computer generated prediction of how high those gases are  
14 going to go before they begin to disperse out horizontally.

15 So that is included in this modeling that Roy  
16 has been talking about, that then predicts where the most  
17 probable point is to put the monitor. Do you understand  
18 what I'm saying? Does that make sense?

19 When you run the model, part of that modeling  
20 process is the stack gas velocity, the stack gas  
21 temperature, and the buoyancy factor of the stack gases,  
22 the composition of the stack gases.

23 So the model takes into account that the stack  
24 height is 150 foot high. And now due to the velocity of  
25 the gas, the temperature of the gas, you are going to get

1 another 30-foot rise, 60-foot rise, whatever that number  
2 is, and then the horizontal dispersion is going to take  
3 place.

4 So that is what the model does. It says the  
5 gas is being discharged here; (indicating) it's being  
6 forced up right now. When is it going to begin to flatten  
7 out. And when it flattens out then it predicts when it's  
8 going to come back down.

9 And then that is going to be used to locate the  
10 monitors in the community that Roy was talking about.

11 MR. SCHROCK: When I get to the point where I'm  
12 going to be doing the risk assessments, this modeling  
13 becomes very important, the dispersion model. I will bring  
14 the guy who does the air modeling here for that meeting so  
15 he can explain how it accounts for those kind of questions.

16 But I still will try and figure out some sort  
17 of an answer for you. I just don't have that today.  
18 That's why I've got her writing everything down.

19 AUDIENCE: Did you say that you will be  
20 monitoring the stack gases during the trial burn? I  
21 wondered why you won't be monitoring the stack gases during  
22 the actual operation of the incinerator.

23 MR. SCHROCK: That is really a very good  
24 question because I had to ask that one myself. The idea is  
25 that this chemical data is going to be collected during,

1 let's say an eight-hour period of time. Then those samples  
2 will be sent off to be analyzed.

3 I am not able to do real-time monitoring of the  
4 different chemicals. Okay. That is why we look at those  
5 few things that I can do real time continuous, and if, in  
6 fact, it stays within the same parameters that we have  
7 approved to operate, then we are going to be comfortable on  
8 the chemical aspect of it.

9 That doesn't mean I can't require maybe after  
10 six months we do another one. But the real answer is, it's  
11 not real time. It won't tell me minute by minute what the  
12 concentrations or the chemicals are. I need something that  
13 is going to tell me minute by minute if, in fact, this is  
14 operating correctly.

15 AUDIENCE: You say that there is a 99.99  
16 certainty this will take the contaminants out of the soil.  
17 But has there any incinerator been proven to be 99.99?

18 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

19 AUDIENCE: I understand there is none.

20 MR. SCHROCK: No. In fact, some of them have  
21 to meet 99.999.

22 AUDIENCE: I would like to have that in writing  
23 because I know they didn't in Arkansas at the Vertac  
24 Incinerator, the EPA lawyers were asked that question and  
25 they did not say that.



1 MR. SCHROCK: Let me explain. That's one --  
2 that's probably one of the only other incinerators I know  
3 something about. In order to prove 99.99 percent, okay, I  
4 have to start out by putting in a thousand parts of  
5 something, and then measure to see that less than one goes  
6 out the stack.

7 At the Vertac site they were actually burning  
8 dioxins. And EPA chose not to add 1,000 parts of dioxin  
9 for that particular test. They started off with maybe 55  
10 parts of dioxin and they didn't think it was productive to  
11 make it worse just to prove the 99.999.

12 Actually that dioxin is like six 9's, so they  
13 would have had to add 10,000 parts when the soil isn't that  
14 contaminated.

15 AUDIENCE: But the question is, this was in a  
16 hearing after the burning, the question asked of the lawyer  
17 was, has EPA -- is EPA confident that this can be reached,  
18 and the EPA people had been saying for years that it was. But  
19 this fellow was under oath and was a lawyer and he chose  
20 not to perjure himself and said no, we haven't been able to  
21 prove it.

22 MR. SCHROCK: Well, at the Vertac site they  
23 didn't prove it because they didn't want to add  
24 contamination of that level.

25 AUDIENCE: I think that's historical, ever, had

1 they ever.

2 MR. SCHROCK: Well, again, that is the six 9's,  
3 too. It doesn't really make a whole lot of difference to  
4 you, but the four 9's, 99.99 has been proven.

5 AUDIENCE: I understand that there were eight  
6 incinerators tested for four 9's and none of them had come  
7 out any closer than 99.96.

8 MR. SCHROCK: All right. I'm not an  
9 incinerator expert; but I am going to have to go back and  
10 check up on that one again. I had hoped to have somebody  
11 here that could answer that immediately, but I wasn't able  
12 to get them today. But I will check into that.

13 AUDIENCE: You seem to put a great deal of  
14 confidence in that 99.99 DRE. Just to reiterate a little  
15 bit what Gill just said, the question asked was, can you  
16 tell us any incinerator anywhere in the United States that  
17 have achieved 99.99 DRE, and he admitted that they could  
18 not.

19 Furthermore, you talk a lot about trial burns  
20 as though that is going to give this community some degree  
21 of confidence. You all might like to know that the WTI  
22 Site in East Liverpool, Ohio failed every trial burn and  
23 has been given the go-ahead nonetheless.

24 So that shouldn't give you a great deal of  
25 confidence in EPA protecting you from health risks. I

1 would like a response to that. You must certainly know  
2 that WTI has failed the trial burns yet they are still --  
3 they have been burning commercially for years.

4 MR. SCHROCK: To be truthful, I don't know that  
5 much about WTI other than I'm aware of where it is and that  
6 it has been very controversial.

7 MS. NURSE: I just wanted to say something  
8 about WTI very briefly. I mean what we are talking about  
9 is site specific treatment of waste, and the WTI situation  
10 is a commercial operation and a commercial waste  
11 incinerator; it is a very different scenario.

12 And also because of the history of the way this  
13 site has been managed, then we have gone through all of the  
14 various regulatory processes and in establishing such  
15 things, for example, as various -- we have four? We have  
16 four additional repositories, so that the process at this  
17 site has remained open.

18 So that if we get to that point and we find  
19 data that causes questions, this is the kind of forum in  
20 which we continue to discuss that. I don't know if you  
21 have been present at any of the other meetings, but this is  
22 something that we will continue to keep open and discussing  
23 with the public. And I understand that there were some  
24 questions about how that was handled at the WTI site in  
25 terms of the public having access to certain data.

1                   And that has never been the case at this site  
2                   because we have managed to place all the documents, both  
3                   the technical data as well as in this case the bid  
4                   documents themselves, so that anybody can come and review  
5                   those documents and raise the kind of questions that you  
6                   are bringing up this evening.

7                   MR. SCHROCK:   Let me make one more comment on  
8                   the four 9's.   The reason that I have to prove four 9's is  
9                   based on the RCRA requirements.   My real concern is the  
10                  chemical data of what is coming out the stack based on the  
11                  real dirt at the Drake Chemical Site.

12                  My judgment of pass or fail is not tied to a  
13                  particular number.   It's going to be tied to the  
14                  concentrations we find coming out the stack.   I have also  
15                  had to place additional requirements on what concentrations  
16                  will remain in the ash.

17                  I know this is a little more complicated than I  
18                  need to get into, but yet if -- you can have your 99.99,  
19                  you can meet that if you leave everything in the dirt  
20                  before you treat it.   If nothing goes up and it all stays  
21                  in the dirt, you can you meet that.

22                  So I have had to add additional requirements on  
23                  the dirt that is being treated to make sure the dirt is, in  
24                  fact, clean, and we are going to prove the 99.99 because  
25                  the RCRA regulations require me.

1           And in order for me at the Drake Site to prove  
2 those four 9's, I am going to have to add two different  
3 compounds, naphthalene and 1-4 dichlorobenzene. And those  
4 will be the two chemical compounds that I will try to prove  
5 the four 9's on.

6           But again, those are really going to be higher  
7 concentrations than I normally find in this dirt. We chose  
8 not to add the beta naphthalene because it's a very risky  
9 substance, so we are substituting naphthalene for that.

10          When I do get the trial burn data, again it's  
11 going to be public. If I don't meet it, I'll have to stand  
12 up here and say that again. So, I mean, I understand your  
13 point, though, about the other facilities. But it is my  
14 understanding that some of them have met the four 9's.

15          AUDIENCE: I would like really like to see that  
16 in writing.

17          MR. SCHROCK: Okay. I will try and get that.

18          AUDIENCE: I will give you my address.

19          MR. SCHROCK: Okay.

20          AUDIENCE: I have three real quick and easy  
21 questions. The first one is, when you first started  
22 talking about monitoring, you said that there will be a  
23 continuous monitoring of the incinerator; one that's  
24 properly working.

25          Does that mean every day that it's working?

1 MR. SCHROCK: Every single day, every single  
2 minute.

3 AUDIENCE: For the whole year, 24 hours a day?

4 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

5 AUDIENCE: And who is doing that continuous  
6 monitoring; is it EPA or the company?

7 MR. SCHROCK: The company will do that.

8 AUDIENCE: So we are letting the wolf watch the  
9 hen house?

10 MR. SCHROCK: Well, we are going to have the  
11 data to look at afterwards. It's going to be printed, we  
12 will be able to see it. I'll also have it out in the  
13 community so that anybody in town can go look and see if,  
14 in fact, it is really meeting the requirements.

15 AUDIENCE: That is assuming -- I don't know  
16 anything about this company and I'm not making any  
17 slanderous accusations --

18 MR. SCHROCK: No, I understand.

19 AUDIENCE: -- but in my dealings with other  
20 companies, like WTI, I wouldn't trust their figures for  
21 anything, and I'd feel a whole lot more comfortable if EPA  
22 or DER was monitoring that also.

23 MR. SCHROCK: We will be able to monitor  
24 those --

25 AUDIENCE: As an after effect though.

1 MR. SCHROCK: Well, like I say, it's real time.  
2 We are going to have that sitting in the community and at  
3 the site. Anybody walking in there with -- into the site  
4 or anyone who is out here in the community should be able  
5 to see if, in fact, they are meeting the requirements.

6 AUDIENCE: Okay. Second question. You were  
7 talking about first they are going to do a trial burn of  
8 clean dirt.

9 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

10 AUDIENCE: And then they are going to actually  
11 burn some contaminated dirt before the real trial burn.

12 MR. SCHROCK: Right.

13 AUDIENCE: Is that interim, that first burning  
14 of contaminated dirt, going to be monitored?

15 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

16 AUDIENCE: Will the public be told before this  
17 is going to happen?

18 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

19 AUDIENCE: So we can leave town if we want to?

20 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

21 AUDIENCE: Third question. You said a few  
22 minutes ago that you were not an incineration expert?

23 MR. SCHROCK: Right.

24 AUDIENCE: Why are you the project manager?

25 MR. SCHROCK: My job is basically to coordinate

1 all the experts, including groundwater people,  
2 toxicologists, incinerator experts. I represent the  
3 government to coordinate the people who have the expertise,  
4 and then my job is to understand it so that I can then  
5 explain it to the public.

6 But I don't want to pretend that I know  
7 everything about incinerators. I, again, hoped to have  
8 somebody who is a real expert on incinerators here tonight,  
9 but it just didn't work out.

10 AUDIENCE: Can I ask one more, number three?

11 MS. NURSE: Yes.

12 AUDIENCE: I find it real interesting that in  
13 September of '93, the contract was awarded to this company  
14 and in the same month EPA proposed considering replacing  
15 this technology, burning, with alternatives or best  
16 available technology, which included some kinds of things  
17 likes bioremediation, the carbon filtration and so forth.

18 If EPA came out with that statement in the same  
19 month that the contract was awarded for this project,  
20 aren't you already outdated on this project and isn't EPA  
21 actually looking at newer, better alternatives?

22 MR. SCHROCK: The agency does believe that  
23 there should be other ways to treat contaminated soils in  
24 sites. The problem at this particular site with the  
25 bioremediation or soil washing is that we would not be able



1 to achieve the cleanup level which EPA would think is  
2 protective.

3 By using this technology, we believe we can  
4 treat the site so that when we are done with it, we can  
5 basically walk away and not have to worry about that site  
6 again. Bioremediation generally leaves -- again, I'm not  
7 an expert here either -- but that would leave, I'd say, ten  
8 percent of the contamination that is at the site.

9 So I could spend millions of dollars and still  
10 have contamination there and still have to restrict any use  
11 or access to that piece of property. So it's really the  
12 cleanup goal that makes a difference in the technology.

13 We have tried to use bioremediation at this  
14 site to treat the groundwater and because of the high  
15 concentrations of Fenac, which is a herbicide, we are  
16 finding that we are not getting rid of the contaminants by  
17 any bio methods.

18 The other aspect is that the beta naphthalene  
19 which is the real risk -- the highest risk at the site, the  
20 risk levels for that are tremendously low, in the parts per  
21 trillion range if, in fact, humans were to start eating the  
22 dirt or drinking the water.

23 So we have decided to try and set technology to  
24 lower -- to destroy that concentration, to put it down into  
25 a safe level. And, in fact, we have set criteria for the

1 ash at 55 parts per billion because if anybody were to come  
2 in direct contact with the ash, it would still be  
3 protective.

4 We realize that at some point if somebody  
5 wanted to use this piece of property, and that is one of  
6 the questions that I got, EPA does now have a policy that  
7 would allow for use of that site and a release from the  
8 liabilities since we are spending so much money, if anybody  
9 bought it, we would want money from them.

10 We actually could now reach an agreement with  
11 somebody that if they did something for the government, the  
12 government would say, all right, you can use this property  
13 without having to worry about a \$5 million debt that would  
14 be attached to this property.

15 So again, the reason this technology is used by  
16 EPA under the Superfund is, we want to be able say we have  
17 destroyed the contaminants and we're walking away; it's  
18 protected now.

19 One of the other questions has to do with why  
20 don't we use the same treatment that AC&C is doing. And  
21 here it's really the same kind of an answer. Their cleanup  
22 level is at 1,000 parts per million and we are looking at  
23 going well below that.

24 So that again, our cleanup level is such that  
25 we can be able to walk away and say EPA Superfund is done

1 with the soils at the site.

2 AUDIENCE: Would this site be clean enough to  
3 put a high school there when you are done?

4 MR. SCHROCK: It's probably not big enough for  
5 a high school.

6 AUDIENCE: How about a day care center then?

7 MR. SCHROCK: Well, right now it's zoned  
8 industrial.

9 AUDIENCE: I'm just curious. I really am.

10 MR. SCHROCK: I mean, you know, if somebody  
11 wanted a release from liability to put a day care center  
12 there, I would probably make them do something to ensure  
13 that whatever the barrier is between their facility and --

14 AUDIENCE: The reason I ask that is just to  
15 see, how clean is this site going to be when you are done?

16 MR. SCHROCK: Well, technically it is a  
17 possibility. Okay. But right now it is zoned an  
18 industrial area. I would expect that that zoning is not  
19 going to change.

20 But in reality, that is what I said, EPA is  
21 making it clean enough to walk away from. But if somebody  
22 is going to build there, they are going to end up coming  
23 back to EPA, and that is when I'm going to have say, all  
24 right, if you are going to do that, then you've got to  
25 do -- instead of giving me money, you are going to have to

1 ensure protectiveness in some other way. So I'm not saying  
2 you couldn't.

3 AUDIENCE: You said that we are going to share  
4 some of the knowledge that we gain here with other  
5 incinerators in the future, is that right, coming on  
6 eventually we'll be sharing some of this information?

7 MR. SCHROCK: All of our information will be  
8 public, yes.

9 AUDIENCE: Then why don't we have an idea where  
10 to place these monitors for the particulate fallout?

11 MR. SCHROCK: Well, we do. But you have to  
12 judge it based on the wind at the site. That is why we  
13 collected a year's worth of data.

14 AUDIENCE: So you are just saying somewhere we  
15 are going to have four out here maybe a mile. You have no  
16 idea really, right?

17 MR. SCHROCK: Well, it's not up for me to say  
18 that now. I've got to go through the actual data that we  
19 have collected and then use that to place the stations.

20 AUDIENCE: Another thing, since the '72 flood,  
21 this town has literally been torn apart. Do you feel they  
22 were making intermediates or Agent Orange out here since  
23 you said there's a lot of pesticides?

24 MR. SCHROCK: No. Actually I've thought about  
25 that a number of times. No. The Fenac that was produced

1 has some similarities, but it wasn't an Agent Orange  
2 compound and it did not -- the process that we used was not  
3 one that would have created dioxins because they basically  
4 didn't have the extra oxygen molecule.

5 AUDIENCE: Okay. But for some reason the  
6 Federal Government came in here since '72 and tore the  
7 place apart. I have seen that myself being here that long.

8 MR. SCHROCK: My piece is really only that  
9 site.

10 AUDIENCE: Okay.

11 MR. SCHROCK: But no, I do understand some of  
12 it.

13 AUDIENCE: I have a question. I would assume  
14 that the EPA is here to protect our health. In other  
15 words, when the site is clean, we are safer; am I correct?  
16 Is that part of the idea for your being here?

17 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

18 AUDIENCE: I have two studies, one a copyright  
19 retained by the U.S. Government from the Archives of  
20 Environmental Health, 1984, long before we got to a final  
21 decision on this site; and also one from the Journal of  
22 Occupational Medicine, reputable doctors -- if anybody  
23 wants to look at them they can -- who have studied this  
24 site and have said that as we sit in this building or  
25 anyone who lives around the site is at low risk from the

1 site.

2 In other words, there is no significant risk to  
3 our health -- or to our health from the site. I wondered  
4 if you were aware of these studies and if you agree with  
5 them or not.

6 MR. SCHROCK: It's on my list of questions. I  
7 am aware of those studies, but I'm not exactly sure authors  
8 and if it's from the study that I know that I have had  
9 contact with.

10 The Pennsylvania Department of Health and the  
11 funds actually came from the Superfund to that agency, has  
12 done a study of people who live in Lock Haven and looked  
13 for the exposure to beta naphthalene. And the conclusion  
14 is that there is virtually no risk to the community.

15 The only problem I had with that study if, in  
16 fact, they are referencing the same data, is that the  
17 requirement to be part of that study was that you lived in  
18 a radius of ten miles from the site.

19 So basically anybody who lived in Lock Haven  
20 could have participated in that study. That is not  
21 necessarily the homes that were downgradient, downwind  
22 right there that were demolished in the '72 flood.

23 So I don't disagree with the study, but I just  
24 want to point out that the population that they used might  
25 not necessarily be close enough to have the effect.

1           And there is no question that the greatest risk  
2           is from eating this stuff, and the people who worked in  
3           those companies were the ones that got the exposure to the  
4           point where it really made a difference in their health.

5           But the Superfund laws, the way we are expected  
6           to implement, is that there is a potential risk from this  
7           site; and based on the risk of the beta naphthalene, it is  
8           a very high risk should somebody come into contact with  
9           that site and drink the water, and particularly drinking  
10          the water would be extremely dangerous.

11          AUDIENCE: One more after this. After the site  
12          is cleaned up and EPA leaves the city, we still have  
13          approximately -- and Mr. Pedlow can help out -- this Drake  
14          Site, these chemicals were dumped throughout the city.  
15          They weren't just in one place. There are other sites.

16          Therefore, the groundwater could be treated for  
17          a thousand years -- thirty won't be enough -- a thousand  
18          years and the contamination from the additional sites which  
19          aren't being looked at because they're not yet Superfund  
20          sites will continue to contaminate the groundwater. Do you  
21          agree with that?

22          MR. SCHROCK: We have talked about some of  
23          these other sites in this meeting and several others. To  
24          my knowledge, DER has looked at some of those locations and  
25          has determined that they are not going to make the

1 Superfund list. All right.

2 I don't know what kind of chemicals are in  
3 those particular sites, if it was beta naphthalene or  
4 something else. So I really don't have a good idea.

5 The idea of how long it will take to clean up,  
6 yes, I believe thirty years is maybe not long enough at  
7 this particular site. The concentrations at the Drake  
8 Site and between the Drake Site and Route 220 are, in fact,  
9 so high that it is really one of the riskiest sites we have  
10 in Region 3, which means the groundwater is one of the  
11 worst places in Pennsylvania.

12 But I think we also have an obligation to go  
13 through a period of pumping and treating it to try and see  
14 if we can decrease it. And the way EPA would approach this  
15 is, year by year or every five years we would actually look  
16 at the data, are we making a difference; are we actually  
17 getting the stuff cleaned up? I think we need to evaluate  
18 as we go, is this having a good effect.

19 AUDIENCE: So you are not actually committing  
20 the EPA to complete cleanup. In other words, you are  
21 admitting -- and I have some studies that say pump and  
22 treat are questionable. There are people in the EPA that  
23 believe now that pump and treat might not be the best  
24 technology to do over a period of thirty years, which is  
25 the plan. Based on that, there could be -- the question



1 is, you can't be sure then that you can clean this site.

2 MR. SCHROCK: The way EPA has written their  
3 record of decision is, our goal is to decrease the  
4 concentrations so that they would be within drinking water  
5 standards. So that is a goal.

6 But again, I've said that we are going to have  
7 to evaluate as we go. Now, thirty years comes from the  
8 RCRA requirements that a facility, if they have  
9 contaminated groundwater beyond their property, must  
10 implement this pull back of the contaminated groundwater  
11 and treat it for a period of thirty years.

12 So thirty years is really out of the other  
13 laws. The Superfund has sort of attached to the thirty  
14 years, but it's not necessarily a requirement. The State  
15 of Pennsylvania, on the other hand, does take the position  
16 that yes, in fact, you know, if you are the company that  
17 contaminated this, we want you to clean it up until it's  
18 background, which means zero.

19 Whether it can be achieved or not, I have other  
20 sites where you have contaminants that are heavier than  
21 water and they are sinking and they are finding pockets in  
22 the underlying clays or whatever kind of soils, that yes,  
23 in fact, they may be there forever, or at least beyond our  
24 lifetime.

25 But again, at this particular site, I think EPA

1 has an obligation, to implement a pump and treat program and  
2 to see how much we can clean up.

3 The other factor, and this one of the driving  
4 reasons behind digging up the soil and incinerating it, is  
5 we feel that the Drake Site, this is based on historical  
6 photos, is probably the main source of beta naphthalene in  
7 the groundwater.

8 In 1963, that entire site was covered with  
9 lagoons. And it was in '62 that they stopped production of  
10 beta naphthalene at the site. That was when it went over  
11 from Fieldstone to Drake.

12 But based on, you know, knowing that that  
13 entire site was filled with lagoons, I do feel that is our  
14 main source of the beta naphthalene. So if we get that  
15 out, then we have a better chance of trying to clean up the  
16 groundwater.

17 AUDIENCE: I'll take you off the grill

18 AUDIENCE: I would like to correct you. That  
19 wasn't 1962 when it went from Fieldstone to Drake. I'm not  
20 sure of the exact year, but I'm positive it wasn't that  
21 year. I believe it was probably in the late '60s, or at  
22 least the mid '60s.

23 MR. SCHROCK: Actually, I think you are right.  
24 I think it was about '65 -- it was '62 they stopped  
25 producing beta naphthalene supposedly.

1 AUDIENCE: I have a question. On the  
2 monitoring, you said something about you're going to test  
3 cows and their milk and I presume people, and wanted a risk  
4 assessment; is that what you called it?

5 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

6 AUDIENCE: And you said that you were going to  
7 report on that in the Fall of '95?

8 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

9 AUDIENCE: And you were going to start the burn  
10 in the Summer of '95?

11 MR. SCHROCK: Well, we will do the trial burn  
12 in the Summer of '95.

13 AUDIENCE: When does the burn of the  
14 contaminated soil start?

15 MR. SCHROCK: After they get the full approval.

16 AUDIENCE: Which is I thought you said that was  
17 also going to be in the Summer.

18 MR. SCHROCK: No. Basically I would have to do  
19 those risk assessments before I give a full approval. I  
20 would hope to even be able to collect some of that risk  
21 assessment information, the chemical information, even  
22 prior to those little mini burns, as I call them, using the  
23 real dirt, not spiking it, get the chemistry and then start  
24 those calculations.

25 And what it was called is an indirect risk

1 assessment, as if it were passed through a food chain. So  
2 I would need that data before I could give full approval.

3 AUDIENCE: I'm confused about something. If I  
4 think I heard you right, the trial burn soil will not  
5 contain beta naphthalene; is that correct? In other words,  
6 during the trial burn you are going to use soil that is  
7 clumped with another chemical that would be replacing the  
8 BNA that's in the real soil?

9 MR. SCHROCK: We will be using real soil and it  
10 will have the BNA in it.

11 AUDIENCE: In the trial burn?

12 MR. SCHROCK: Yes. But I'm not going to add  
13 BNA during the trial burn.

14 AUDIENCE: Okay. But you are going to add  
15 something else --

16 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

17 AUDIENCE: -- to bring it up to the level that  
18 you need in order to -- okay --

19 MR. SCHROCK: In order to prove the four 9's.

20 AUDIENCE: Okay. A second question. I think  
21 you said there will be two pounds per hour of dust emitted;  
22 that is the allowable limit on this. How often will you  
23 analyze the dust?

24 MR. SCHROCK: Basically during the trial burn.  
25 That's when we do the chemical collection, sampling and --

1                   AUDIENCE: So the dust that goes out the stack,  
2 some of that dust will be collected, and you are going to  
3 analyze that for what?

4                   MR. SCHROCK: The different kinds of chemicals,  
5 volatiles, semi-volatiles, dioxin, the nitrogen oxides.

6                   MR. PEDLOW: Metals?

7                   AUDIENCE: Cadmium, chromium?

8                   MR. SCHROCK: Metals, yes.

9                   AUDIENCE: Just one and that is during the  
10 trial burn, right?

11                  MR. SCHROCK: Well, it will be probably a total  
12 of ten times during the trial burn, I'll do sampling.

13                  AUDIENCE: But not during the operation of the  
14 incinerator?

15                  MR. SCHROCK: It will not be a normal part of  
16 the operation, no. That doesn't mean I can't require  
17 additional, but, of course, I would have to pay for that,  
18 too. Which if I need to, we will.

19                  AUDIENCE: We pay for it, not you. We do.

20                  MR. SCHROCK: Well, I put the money into it. I  
21 just move the money. But it does come out of the  
22 Superfund, which is really a tax on the chemical  
23 industries, even though we pay for products in the long  
24 run.

25                  AUDIENCE: Do you have enough money saved since

1 it's been reduced from 120 million --

2 MR. SCHROCK: I have saved it.

3 AUDIENCE: -- you should have enough to give us  
4 a few more tests during this.

5 MR. SCHROCK: I have saved enough money to do  
6 that.

7 AUDIENCE: I think you could do a few more  
8 tests.

9 MR. SCHROCK: I probably will. How many will  
10 depend on what I will see.

11 AUDIENCE: Once a month can't be too bad.

12 MR. SCHROCK: Possibly, I mean I'm not going to  
13 say no. But I've got to see what I have first to know what  
14 kind of a problem I might be in.

15 AUDIENCE: At one point this evening when you  
16 were talking about health and safety training for the  
17 community.

18 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

19 AUDIENCE: I think you said if something should  
20 happen, that's why the people would need to be trained.  
21 What kind of scenarios could you envision being an  
22 emergency situation?

23 MR. SCHROCK: Somebody gets their hand caught  
24 in the equipment and rips their hand apart, we've got to  
25 get an ambulance to come in and pull them out. They still

1 need to be health and safety trained just to go into the  
2 area to carry somebody out. All right.

3 All I'm really saying is that I want those kind  
4 of people who are responsible for emergencies in the county  
5 to have the ability to go in should something happen. All  
6 right.

7 In terms of, you know, the operation of the  
8 unit, if it's not operating properly, if one of those  
9 parameters goes outside of the official reason, you know,  
10 numbers that we expect to see, they basically have to shut  
11 down the unit.

12 If the temperature is too high, the unit shuts  
13 down. So, you know, I basically am not anticipating that  
14 I'm going to have a mechanical problem that will create an  
15 emergency.

16 I'm more talking about the workers, somebody  
17 gets hurt within the boundaries of the exclusion zone, I  
18 just don't want people to say, no, you can't go in, when  
19 it's their job to provide that kind of help. That is the  
20 real reason.

21 Also, local officials who may want to go in  
22 just to see what it looks like, I don't want to say, no,  
23 you can't go in there because you weren't trained, you  
24 know. So it's more to just provide the ability to go into  
25 that exclusion zone so that they can do their jobs.

1           MR. LAPP: Okay. My name is Frank Lapp, I hail  
2 from Wayne Township. Despite the fact that there is  
3 activity going on right as of at least this week at the  
4 Drake Site, there has been no clean area established yet so  
5 ever as far as for the people who work with the vehicles.  
6 When is this going to be done?

7           MR. SCHROCK: That would be done as part of our  
8 first operations this summer.

9           MR. LAPP: Do you have people on it now? Like  
10 I said, this should have been done before anybody actually  
11 goes on the site.

12           MR. SCHROCK: As far as I know, all of this  
13 activity is outside the fence.

14           MR. LAPP: Nobody has gone to the motels, ate  
15 at restaurants and whatnot?

16           MR. SCHROCK: Well, of course they have, but  
17 they have been in areas outside the fence and they are  
18 wearing protective clothing, which doesn't go with them,  
19 into the restaurants. That stays on site, and, in fact,  
20 there will probably be a drum of clothing left at the site  
21 when they are done this week.

22           MR. LAPP: I should hope so. Okay.

23           We talked about this earlier, you also said a  
24 contingent plan has been made for those work persons that  
25 may suffer from toxic exposure for future compensation for



1 death from exposure at Drake; am I right about that?

2 MR. SCHROCK: EPA is not going to tell a  
3 contractor and their workers how they must protect  
4 themselves. That is really a matter between the company  
5 and their workers.

6 MR. LAPP: You referred to this as public  
7 safety. Are those workmen not the public?

8 MR. SCHROCK: Well, yes, they are. But there  
9 is a different safety for requirements of workers there  
10 than there is for public. There are two sets.

11 I don't control the specifics of when they have  
12 to put on a respirator. They are the ones that have to be  
13 out there doing the monitoring and tell their own workers  
14 when to upgrade their own personal protection.

15 MR. LAPP: But on the same token, you said you  
16 are going to screen some of the animal life and do a  
17 profile on them down the line after the burn, etcetera?

18 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

19 MR. LAPP: You referred to it as --

20 MR. SCHROCK: Indirect.

21 MR. LAPP: -- a chain of event. Yet you have  
22 no plans to do that for the work persons that's on the  
23 site?

24 MR. SCHROCK: Well, they all have health and  
25 safety monitoring. They have to have the training and

1 everything before they start working there.

2 MR. LAPP: But you are not going to do any  
3 long-term study to determine if there is added risk to  
4 workmen working in these situations?

5 MR. SCHROCK: That is not currently part of the  
6 project. Now, the studies that he is referring to in terms  
7 of exposure, there are ongoing studies to those people who  
8 used to work at Drake and AC&C.

9 If that agency wants to continue that study  
10 with these workers, you know, that's fine. But it's not  
11 currently part of my project.

12 MR. LAPP: But in a worst case scenario, say  
13 everybody died that worked at Drake on the cleanup site,  
14 what would EPA's responsibilities be?

15 MR. SCHROCK: I don't know, that is a tough  
16 one. I mean...

17 MR. LAPP: That's all I have.

18 AUDIENCE: At the first meeting I believe you  
19 had, you said that there was a possibility of putting a  
20 pavilion over the site when you work on it. The reason I  
21 ask this, I'm like five blocks from the site. Okay.

22 The guys inside the fence are going to have  
23 protective suits on probably, and I'm only five blocks  
24 away. And when you are in there digging stuff up and the  
25 dust is stirred up and everything, is some of that dust

1 going to drift out of the fence up five blocks to my house?

2 MR. SCHROCK: We do have that perimeter  
3 monitoring to tell us --

4 AUDIENCE: Perimeter monitoring -- well, I  
5 don't know, I'm not worried about a perimeter monitor. I'm  
6 worried about if you are going to come up and measure it  
7 over at my house. I'm five blocks away.

8 MR. SCHROCK: That's going to tell us if it's  
9 going. They are also responsible to control that dust. If  
10 they have a dust problem, they should do something to stop  
11 that.

12 AUDIENCE: If I remember right, I saw pictures  
13 here in this room over certain areas where you're digging  
14 and processing the dirt.

15 MR. SCHROCK: There are sites that they have  
16 done that, but at this sight --

17 AUDIENCE: They are not going to do that here?

18 MR. SCHROCK: We are not building a big tent  
19 over the entire site.

20 AUDIENCE: Well, I don't mean over the entire  
21 site. I mean the site you are working on right at the  
22 present, if you are working in the eastern end of it, is  
23 that going to protect the western end of the site or  
24 whatever?

25 I'm just kind of curious to know, is there

1 going to be dust flying up and what kind of equipment are  
2 you going to use to dig this up with. Are you going to be  
3 out there with a bulldozer shoving stuff around or --

4 MR. SCHROCK: I would imagine.

5 AUDIENCE: -- is it a man with a shovel or  
6 what's going on? Are they going to dig it up and put it  
7 inside the incinerator?

8 MR. SCHROCK: There is a feed preparation  
9 building, okay. Once they have it dug up, it will go into  
10 an area because basically they want to keep it dry.

11 The wetter the soil is, the more energy it is  
12 going to take to burn.

13 AUDIENCE: The dust is in it, too, when it's  
14 dry.

15 MR. SCHROCK: That will be enclosed and the  
16 feed preparation going into the incinerator will be in an  
17 enclosed building with negative pressure, whatever it is,  
18 controlled to keep the dust inside, as well as the ash  
19 after it comes out, will be stored inside these bins within  
20 the enclosed building under the negative press

21 So yes, they have made a substantial attempt to  
22 control the dust. But I'm not talking about a big balloon  
23 over the entire site.

24 AUDIENCE: No, I didn't think that. That's not  
25 what the picture shows when you showed us pictures of that.

1 But I just wondered if there is going to be anything  
2 escaping.

3 MR. SCHROCK: Like I said, we are going to have  
4 to be looking for that and they are going to have to  
5 provide that kind of dust control for anything leaking.

6 AUDIENCE: Okay.

7 AUDIENCE: Can you tell me why there couldn't  
8 be independent testing for some of the particulates coming  
9 out of the stack? Why do we have to depend on a computer  
10 readout that we totally have to trust the company that is  
11 doing it?

12 Why couldn't we have an independent contractor,  
13 not the company, not EPA, not DER, just spend a few million  
14 to have somebody test that and get the results from them.  
15 They are not paid to monitor results.

16 MR. SCHROCK: Let me ask. Are we splitting  
17 samples from the stack gases?

18 MR. ZUKOW: Yes.

19 MR. SCHROCK: We are going to be splitting  
20 samples and sending them off to another lab?

21 MR. ZUKOW: An independent lab.

22 MR. SCHROCK: Right. But I think it  
23 probably --

24 AUDIENCE: Are those results going to come back  
25 immediately as it gets sent out or --

1 MR. SCHROCK: No. The chemical --

2 AUDIENCE: -- will they come out down the road?

3 MR. SCHROCK: Yes. The chemical data is not  
4 real time. That will have to go to a lab; they will do the  
5 analysis and send back the results. But the company will  
6 be analyzing and we are going to split samples to a  
7 Government lab to do the same analysis on the same sample.

8 AUDIENCE: When will they -- what kind of the  
9 real time are we talking about?

10 MR. SCHROCK: I think we are looking probably  
11 at at least thirty days after we collect the samples to get  
12 the data.

13 AUDIENCE: How can we believe what's coming out  
14 or what they say is coming out is correct if it takes  
15 thirty days for the lab to do it? How do we know that what  
16 they say is coming out then right at the real time --

17 MR. SCHROCK: No. Their samples take thirty  
18 days, too, and they are going to stop after the trial burn.  
19 Once they finish the trial burn, they stop until I get the  
20 data.

21 AUDIENCE: Well, then I'm confused. I don't  
22 understand this computer thing that I'm reading out. It  
23 doesn't have anything to do with it; it has something to do  
24 with what was tested thirty days ago?

25 MR. SCHROCK: The chemical monitoring in the

1 stack as part the trial burn will take thirty days at least  
2 to get the data. The continuous monitoring, real time  
3 continuous will only be on things like carbon dioxide,  
4 oxygen, carbon monoxide, temperature, flow rates.

5 It will be a limited number of parameters that  
6 just tell me if the machine is operating correctly. That  
7 is real time. And that's why I can't do chemical real  
8 time.

9 I can't collect it and analyze it instantly. So  
10 yes, but they will shut down after trial burn. I'll look  
11 at their data. I'll look at the Government data and then  
12 we'll see if, in fact, we are getting the same kind of  
13 numbers.

14 AUDIENCE: What do we know about this company  
15 and the company that owns this company and the company that  
16 owns that company? My community experience has been that  
17 as you dig deeper and deeper into the layers of corporate  
18 ownership, you find a great deal of white collar crime,  
19 possibly even some convicted felons or worse. And I don't  
20 have a great deal of confidence in these waste companies,  
21 so what do we know about Rust?

22 MR. SCHROCK: I was prepared for that question,  
23 so I have asked Gary Jones to give us somewhat of an  
24 answer.

25 ' But before I let him actually say that, Rust is

1 a company that has a history and ownership up and down and  
2 past and some of their past projects with incinerators have  
3 been very successful.

4 They have done a number of Superfund sites, a  
5 number of private sites, and they do have the experience.

6 Okay, now as far as white collar crime --

7 AUDIENCE: What about environmental violations?  
8 That is the important thing, repeated violations.

9 MR. SCHROCK: I think I'm going to have to have  
10 Gary get up here and give some sort of an answer to that.  
11 But I mean there is no question, every company in the waste  
12 business has probably had violations; so I'm not trying to  
13 hide that.

14 I don't have those kind of specifics and I feel  
15 it's really their job to explain that.

16 MR. HARRINGTON: I'm Tim Harrington, by the  
17 way, and not Gary, but I would like to answer that.  
18 Because Rust is a company that's been around for a long  
19 time.

20 I think, as you implied, there are some  
21 ownership interests of Rust's. It started back in the late  
22 1800's, started out at Pittsburgh, owned by two brothers by  
23 the name of Rust.

24 It's been headquartered out of Birmingham,  
25 Alabama for quite a few years of this century. Of recent



1 time, it is presently owned by two companies, predominantly  
2 by two companies of about equal ownership, one of them  
3 being Wheelograder out of New Hampshire and one of them  
4 being Chemical Waste Management.

5 The issue that you brought up of -- the issue  
6 you brought up of how companies handled -- or how a project  
7 is run, you've got to look at the people that are running  
8 the project; the folks, not the company.

9 Personally, I have been in this business and --  
10 and not with any of the other predecessors other than the  
11 Rusts, but I have been in the business with other companies  
12 for fifteen years doing this kind of work, very successful  
13 projects.

14 I have executed throughout New England,  
15 throughout this part of the company, thermal projects going  
16 back as far as the 1985 time frame. And you have to look  
17 at the people that are on the job.

18 And the issue here is the credibility of the  
19 individuals. You know, companies, as everyone knows, a lot  
20 of us here have worked for companies. Companies are  
21 nothing more than an amalgamation of the people that are in  
22 the company and the morals of the person that is in charge  
23 of the job.

24 And I have -- you know, when I come to this  
25 job, we will run the job properly. I know the man over

1 here worried about the issue of dust and his house being  
2 close, you know, I can appreciate his concerns, that he  
3 lives close to the site. And I think he has pointed out an  
4 issue that is probably -- in all my experience on these  
5 sites, is probably the biggest issue and that is  
6 controlling the dust from normal operations on the site.

7 It's not that little bit of dust that Roy  
8 talked about that might be in the stack. There is a much  
9 bigger risk of the dust when we actually dig and move the  
10 dirt.

11 You know, I think another three gentleman asked  
12 a while ago about the people that are on the site. I have  
13 a great concern for the people that are on the site. We  
14 are very careful that we provide the people we have on our  
15 site -- when I am in charge of a site, every possible  
16 protective measure. We do monitoring on those folks.

17 We are going to be using on this site a fairly  
18 new technology that monitors for these amine compounds that  
19 are the issue at this site so that we can tell what their  
20 exposures is because they are skin absorbing materials.

21 So I think what you have to ask yourselves  
22 really is, do you feel comfortable with myself and with  
23 Gary Jones, because forget the name of the company or  
24 forget whoever the stockholders are in the company, we're  
25 the ones that are either going to make this a successful

1 project or not.

2 AUDIENCE: I have a question.

3 MR. HARRINGTON: Sure.

4 AUDIENCE: I think all you fellows are good,  
5 clean cut, honest people with a good deal of expertise, but  
6 I want to know, what are you doing consorting with known  
7 criminals?

8 MR. HARRINGTON: Known criminals? I don't  
9 know. I don't know any of them, I guess, so I guess -- am  
10 I consorting with them?

11 AUDIENCE: Consorting with them. Where is that  
12 initiated?

13 AUDIENCE: Are you not owned by WMX then?

14 MR. HARRINGTON: I don't know what WMX's  
15 ownership of Chem Waste is.

16 AUDIENCE: It used to be Chem Waste.

17 MR. HARRINGTON: They have some ownership of  
18 Chem Waste. I don't know what that percentage is. You can  
19 see I don't really -- I don't know what that is. It is an  
20 ownership interest though.

21 MR. SCHROCK: Now, one other factor I want you  
22 to remember is that the Corps will be on site all the time.  
23 They will have the ability to shut down if they see  
24 something improper.

25 DER also has the ability to come in and inspect

1 and to shut down that facility should they find something  
2 improper, and even EPA will also be able to come in and  
3 point this out to the Corps and shut things down.

4 So yes, we are probably going to have a  
5 reportable incident that something must be notified to DER  
6 concerning operations, but that is not necessarily a  
7 violation. Okay. If we see something that is not correct,  
8 we can shut them down and make them fix it.

9 AUDIENCE: Isn't there going to be an  
10 inspector, an independent inspector on this place all the  
11 time or are these people just on their own?

12 MR. SCHROCK: The Corps will act as my all the  
13 time inspector. The Corps does have a subcontractor with  
14 incineration expertise that will assist them, but they will  
15 not be there full time.

16 AUDIENCE: They won't be there full time?

17 MR. SCHROCK: No. The Corps will be there full  
18 time. They will have residents --

19 AUDIENCE: In other words, this is going to be  
20 monitored by an independent operation other than these  
21 people?

22 MR. SCHROCK: Right, the Government.

23 AUDIENCE: Roy, to go back a little bit,  
24 heading back up on your EPA's involvement in the Drake  
25 Site, in some of the guarantees that we have gotten, you

1 awarded a contract to a company from Ohio to come in here,  
2 and demolish the buildings on site and clean up as far as  
3 anything above the surface.

4 While they were in here, one of their workmen  
5 turned a hose into an oiling tank and caused an explosion.  
6 Now, if you would have had your monitors in Castanea  
7 Township, your monitors would have shown that there was no  
8 explosion because Castanea Township did not get a drop of  
9 that. Woodward Township in the lower end of Lock Haven is  
10 where the cars were painted and the houses were painted.

11 EPA also let a contract with the assurance that  
12 as you cleaned up that leachate stream going through the  
13 park area in Castanea, that the hauling route would be  
14 continuously monitored. You would have a water wagon on  
15 that hauling route during the hours of hauling. If he made  
16 one trip a day, it was fortunate.

17 You also stated that at the end of every haul,  
18 the trucks would be completely washed down on the Drake  
19 Site where you were hauling the leachate material to. That  
20 whole hauling route was a dust cloud from an hour after  
21 hauling till quitting time.

22 I mentioned it to you, you said yes, that was  
23 not a very reputable contractor. They will never do any  
24 work for EPA again. The damage was done.

25 MR. SCHROCK: The only time they were digging

1 and hauling hazardous waste was from inside the Drake Site  
2 of 220 and there was only a pile about (indicating) this  
3 big.

4 Most of that dirt was clean fill brought in to  
5 cover up the leachate stream down through Castanea.

6 AUDIENCE: The leachate stream was dug out  
7 completely. So many feet on either side of the stream --

8 MR. SCHROCK: Well, but they didn't haul that  
9 all back to the Drake Site. They dug it out to put in the  
10 sewer line. Yes, they did do some digging there, but that  
11 stayed and then was covered. That was not hauled back to  
12 the site, only one area where they couldn't get low enough.

13 AUDIENCE: That's what left our park area down  
14 the creek road, over Paul Mack Boulevard, up Walnut Street  
15 and out to the site, with something in them.

16 MR. SCHROCK: Like I say, there was only one  
17 area that I know that we actually dug contaminated soil to  
18 bring back to the Drake Site. If they were digging and  
19 hauling from down at that end, it should have been clean  
20 dirt.

21 They were not charged to dig anything out on  
22 your side. But they did have a lot of trouble getting the  
23 dirt there and the clay, making the clay non-porous, and  
24 that is why we ended up with the pond there.

25 But if they were digging and hauling back, they

1 had to be digging it to mix it with the bentonite to make  
2 it a certain permeability. Because there was really only  
3 one area and that was inside 220.

4 But I do understand that there was a dust  
5 problem at that point, and believe me, my DER counterparts  
6 have brought this up on every review of every document,  
7 that we definitely need to have dust control and one or two  
8 times a day may not be enough to keep that controlled.

9 Now, we don't expect to be doing any kind of  
10 hauling back down in your end. But they will be bringing  
11 in clean fill to replace the corridor where the sewer and  
12 water line are and to fill in the area where they want to  
13 build the incinerator. And they will have a decon pad to  
14 wash off these trucks after they go in and out. I can only  
15 hope we do it much better this time.

16 AUDIENCE: Why will there be any trucks going  
17 in and out once everything is on the site?

18 MR. SCHROCK: Well, bringing the dirt in,  
19 bringing in clean dirt to fill up. They also have to put  
20 two feet of clean soil at the bottom before they put the  
21 ash back in. All of the trucks that have contaminated dirt  
22 in them should stay within the contaminated area.

23 AUDIENCE: There is no contaminated dirt on the  
24 street.

25 MR. SCHROCK: They are going to have to bring

1 it from that side of the site to where the feed preparation  
2 is. So yes, there probably will be trucks. Where the  
3 water/sewer line is going to be considered a clean area  
4 where a truck could drive over after he backs over the  
5 clean soil. So we will have trucks going as they progress  
6 taking from dirty to clean spots, you will still have  
7 trucks going over that.

8 AUDIENCE: I would like to direct a question to  
9 the company representative and ask what percentage of  
10 profit they expect to make on this contract.

11 MR. SCHROCK: I don't know if they have to  
12 answer that, but can you ask.

13 MR. HARRINGTON: I would be happy to tell you  
14 what typical profits; This is a publicly traded company.  
15 I just told you two of the major owners. There are also  
16 outstanding shares of trades on the New York Stock  
17 Exchange, and general pre-tax profit in this business right  
18 now, how much money we end up with before we pay taxes,  
19 probably three percent of a typical job size.

20 AUDIENCE: Would you say that is accurate for  
21 this job?

22 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes.

23 AUDIENCE: So three percent of \$47 million.

24 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, pre-tax, before we pay  
25 our taxes.



1                   AUDIENCE: Why couldn't you include respiratory  
2 problems in your risk assessment?

3                   MR. SCHROCK: Again, I'm not the toxicologist,  
4 but generally what they do is they look at different age  
5 groups. I'll have to ask and find out what he does to  
6 accommodate for respiratory problems. I honestly don't  
7 have an answer today, but I'll look into that.

8                   AUDIENCE: I have one other problem. When  
9 you're talking about these monitoring stations, why can't  
10 we have one on the school. We don't need one set out in  
11 the middle of the country. We need one in the population  
12 area in a place where school children are to tell us  
13 whether that is a safe area. We don't need to worry about  
14 an open area somewhere to set up monitoring stations.

15                  MR. SCHROCK: The school is a possibility. I  
16 would like to try and target some sort of public facility  
17 locations, again working with townships or school boards,  
18 the city. I think there is a benefit to try and go to  
19 those locations.

20                  But until I run through a modeling exercise to  
21 know where the vicinity would be, then I could decide. It  
22 might be a school. It may not be that particular one,  
23 though.

24                  The other thing you've got to remember, when I  
25 do this background monitoring, I'm going to find stuff. So

1 even if it's on a school, we are going to find stuff as  
2 present.

3 AUDIENCE: That is my point, why don't you do  
4 it where there are people rather than sitting it out in an  
5 isolated spot?

6 MR. SCHROCK: I would intend to try to get in a  
7 people area. The only time I would be thinking about an  
8 isolated spot would be in response to a number of questions  
9 about the inversion.

10 We have talked in other meetings that there are  
11 periods where you have these inversions and you have  
12 extended periods of stagnant conditions where there is no  
13 wind.

14 One of the things I would like to do as part of  
15 this in the community monitoring is have at least the  
16 capability to take one of these stations and move it into  
17 an area that would be this inversion to try and get some  
18 chemical data to see if, in fact, that would be a reason I  
19 should tell them to shut down. That's a possibility.

20 If there is a reason to shut them down, I can  
21 order that they do shut down. So if I get this one that is  
22 a movable type monitoring unit, that might be something I  
23 can either do, not on a continuous basis, but to check  
24 other spots as we go through.

25 And I have been asking to include some type of

1 a mobile unit, so I might be in an isolated spot here and  
2 there depending on weather conditions or things likes that.

3 AUDIENCE: I have here an EPA project summary  
4 of May 1993. You took ground from this site and you spiked  
5 it with certain chemicals to run a test burn and you came  
6 up to the 99.995, which is rather high.

7 Now you say during your trial burn you are also  
8 going to use that soil, spike those chemicals for your  
9 trial burn. And presumably you will come up with these  
10 same figures.

11 But then you are going to say, okay, we burned  
12 that stuff over there and we came up with this; now let's  
13 burn this over here. Are we supposed to feel comfortable  
14 with these figures when you are burning something else?

15 MR. SCHROCK: No.

16 AUDIENCE: When you are monitoring something,  
17 you are getting rid of something that you didn't bother  
18 monitoring during your trial burn, you came up with these  
19 two chemicals and came up with the high figure.

20 MR. SCHROCK: That was to prove that it could  
21 be done. This is to prove to us that this piece of  
22 equipment will do that. I can't take the results from that  
23 piece of equipment and say this one is okay because it was  
24 okay there. I am going to have this piece of equipment  
25 prove that --

1 AUDIENCE: Why not analyze what's in that soil,  
2 the actual stuff that you are trying to get rid of, and  
3 then make the trial burn of that, not with something that  
4 you inject into that soil?

5 Because that is the stuff you are going to be  
6 burning and what you will be facing during the next year.  
7 This puts everything into the captured spy category; you  
8 torture these figures long enough you can make them say  
9 anything you want to.

10 MR. SCHROCK: I fully agree with your point. I  
11 need to have real data as to how effective this is on the  
12 real dirt; one, the chemical information coming out the  
13 stack; and two, the chemical information of the soil, the  
14 treated soil. Okay. The reason -- the ash. Okay. I am  
15 asking for the data of the real dirt as it exists. Okay.

16 The reason I have to add this spiking material  
17 is to prove the regulatory requirement for four 9's. So  
18 I'm only going to do that long enough to prove it and that  
19 will stop. But I can't -- the concentrations I have in the  
20 dirt right now are too low. I don't have a thousand parts  
21 of something to show that only one comes out the stack.

22 My concentrations are down in the tens. So  
23 that is why. The concentrations are not high enough to  
24 prove the four 9's, which is what the regulations say I  
25 have to do. I can't do it on the regular dirt.

1           AUDIENCE: Then if it's that kind of a  
2 procedure and that is during the trial burn is the only  
3 time you do this --

4           MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

5           AUDIENCE: -- and then you turn it over to  
6 Wheelograder or Chemical Waste Management or WMX, are we  
7 supposed to be comfortable?

8           MR. SCHROCK: We are going to be watching to  
9 see that that equipment works on the real dirt. We will  
10 get the real chemical stack monitoring from burning the  
11 real dirt and we will look at the ash from what the real  
12 dirt is to start with, not the spiked dirt.

13           So yes, I agree completely. That's much more  
14 of a concern to me, but the requirements under RCRA for  
15 incinerators say you must prove the four 9's.

16           AUDIENCE: One other thing, this has nothing to  
17 do with the incinerator except I wonder what your comment  
18 would be. I don't know who said this but it was overheard  
19 in the front of the room earlier this evening, that only an  
20 armed rebellion can stop this. What would be your comment  
21 on that?

22           MR. PEDLOW: A successful armed rebellion.

23           MR. SCHROCK: Well, my typical answer is that I  
24 never say never. So, you know, yes, there is always the  
25 possibility that something could be done that stops this

1 project.

2 But I can tell you that my current role is to  
3 keep it moving and to keep it moving in a successful manner  
4 where we accomplish it. If my agency decides to tell me to  
5 stop doing this, then that is what I do. But no one has  
6 told me to stop moving the project forward at this point.

7 AUDIENCE: Last November Clyde Peeling and I  
8 attended a four-day conference sponsored by EPA on  
9 combustion, and nothing that I learned at that conference  
10 gave me any confidence that incineration is going to  
11 destroy anything or do anything more than move the  
12 contaminants from the soil into the air.

13 And I think that -- and I have heard an awful  
14 lot about monitoring here tonight -- but monitoring will be  
15 done after this thing is filled, and what the people of  
16 Lock Haven have to do is keep it from being built.

17 And I think if you -- EPA is very concerned  
18 about incineration, I learned that. They are very  
19 concerned about the safety of incineration and the efficacy  
20 of incineration. They are talking about bioremediation.  
21 They are talking about all sorts of things to take the  
22 place of incineration.

23 I would advise the people of Lock Haven to do  
24 everything you can to slow this project down because there  
25 is a good possibility that if you can hold it up for a

1 couple years, there will be some better method of  
2 remediating this site.

3 MR. SCHROCK: EPA is also very concerned about  
4 boilers and industrial furnaces. Okay. Incinerators are  
5 not the only thing that heats things up and puts emissions  
6 out into the air.

7 AUDIENCE: I am concerned with the whole  
8 combustion idea of hazardous waste.

9 MR. SCHROCK: It is my understanding that yes,  
10 in fact, we are going to be destroying some of these  
11 contaminants and not just moving them from the dirt into  
12 the air.

13 AUDIENCE: Yes. You will be destroying some;  
14 that's right.

15 MR. SCHROCK: But the other thing that I have  
16 to remind you is that when EPA makes these statements about  
17 not favoring incineration or the burning in any fashion,  
18 they are also talking about permanent facilities.

19 When you have a permanent facility that accepts  
20 hazardous waste, tons of it a day, and once they get their  
21 permit, they may be allowed to stay for who knows how long,  
22 twenty, thirty, fifty years.

23 You've got to remember, this project is only  
24 for one site and only for one year of really putting out.  
25 So that policy, the EPA policy, really was geared toward

1 those permitted facilities. Like I say, they are also very  
2 concerned about the boilers and industrial furnaces that  
3 are currently almost unregulated.

4 AUDIENCE: If you have to spike that dirt to do  
5 a test burn, if that dirt isn't contaminated enough to even  
6 do a test burn, why are you there?

7 MR. SCHROCK: Okay. The levels that we see in  
8 the soil are not high enough to get a thousand parts.  
9 However, the risk from the BNA is down in the very, very  
10 small numbers, like parts per trillion.

11 I can't -- you know, I can't even tell you how  
12 they analyze for something that is that small. So it's  
13 really the risk that says we should go there. Even though  
14 it is less than a thousand doesn't mean it's safe.

15 AUDIENCE: In the last five years, how many  
16 people have gotten cancer; how many people have died from  
17 that site laying just the way it was when you ripped the  
18 building down?

19 MR. SCHROCK: I don't know of any. But we  
20 haven't tracked it in that fashion.

21 AUDIENCE: Again, why are you there?

22 MR. SCHROCK: Because the way the law is  
23 written --

24 AUDIENCE: It's the law, though, it's not --

25 MR. SCHROCK: It says EPA is obligated to do



1 this, to take this effort to clean it up.

2 AUDIENCE: You have a Congressman saying that  
3 you have to do it. They don't know anything about what is  
4 going on any more than we do, but they are telling you you  
5 have to do it. So you are saying, well, I'm going to go in  
6 there, I'm going to spend 46 million bucks and do it  
7 because they say I do it. And then you're telling us that  
8 you can't even get enough for a test burn in the  
9 contaminants but you are still going to go ahead because  
10 it's contaminated.

11 MR. SCHROCK: It's still above a safe level.  
12 It is still a risk.

13 AUDIENCE: I don't think there's anybody gotten  
14 sick. I don't think there's anybody died since that  
15 building was ripped down out there. That site has laid  
16 there dormant; nobody has touched it. No problem.

17 MR. SCHROCK: Again, the agency and the way  
18 they have written the law is the way we implemented this  
19 law as to say --

20 AUDIENCE: We are back to the law; we are not  
21 back to the safety; we are back to the law. The law says  
22 you have to do it, you are out to do it.

23 MR. SCHROCK: The law says if there is a risk,  
24 you have to do something about it. And this is what we  
25 have chosen to do. Because there is a substantial risk the

1 way it sits right now.

2 You are right, nobody is out there eating the  
3 dirt and nobody is putting a home on it to build, you know,  
4 or drinking the water.

5 AUDIENCE: Do you think anything ever would?

6 MR. SCHROCK: No. But I still think the  
7 concentrations we have in the groundwater, we should make  
8 an attempt to get rid of what is in the groundwater before  
9 it goes out and keeps spreading even further.

10 AUDIENCE: That is one of the concerns I have.  
11 I've got an old well in my back yard. I brought this up  
12 the last time. When you say groundwater, my whole garden  
13 is planted right beside this well.

14 MR. SCHROCK: I think you are upgradient,  
15 though, aren't you?

16 AUDIENCE: I'm What?

17 MR. SCHROCK: I think you are the other  
18 direction from groundwater flow. The groundwater is  
19 basically flowing from AC&C through Drake down toward Bald  
20 Eagle.

21 AUDIENCE: I live on Bald Eagle Street, Bald  
22 Eagle and Hanna, down by the housing development, right  
23 below Robb School. I got a well there. Now, that water  
24 came from somewhere.

25 MR. SCHROCK: It hasn't gotten down there --

1 AUDIENCE: I don't know; is it going to come  
2 up, you know, am I getting contaminated from that food that  
3 I'm eating out of my garden year after year?

4 MR. SCHROCK: Well, I can't really answer that,  
5 but --

6 AUDIENCE: I'll tell you what, this year when  
7 my tomatoes get ripe, I'll bring them over to you to  
8 analyze them. You got to clean up that one site. I  
9 brought this up before, you got to clean up this one site,  
10 but Drake has been closed twenty years?

11 MR. SCHROCK: '82.

12 AUDIENCE: It's twenty years that stuff has  
13 been floating around under Lock Haven, right?

14 MR. SCHROCK: The last time we looked at the  
15 groundwater was in '87.

16 AUDIENCE: Has it moved since then or is it  
17 still sitting there?

18 MR. SCHROCK: It's moving, but not quickly.

19 AUDIENCE: Is it moving over to my place?

20 MR. SCHROCK: It hasn't even reached Bald Eagle  
21 yet. And you are not within the area that I have seen  
22 drawn.

23 AUDIENCE: I don't know that though. No one  
24 has drilled a hole to test the well in my back yard.

25 MR. SCHROCK: We have got wells in between the

1 site and you.

2 AUDIENCE: You do?

3 MR. SCHROCK: Yes. I'd have to get out my  
4 books and look it up. But again, I'm not exactly sure  
5 where the house is. I sort of know.

6 AUDIENCE: Has there ever been any incinerator  
7 in the United States anywhere shut down because we are  
8 doing something wrong here? And if there is, where is it?  
9 I know there is one somewhere. There has to be. They had  
10 to shut them down and say, hey, we are screwing up here

11 AUDIENCE: Chem Waste.

12 MR. SCHROCK: They probably know more than I  
13 do.

14 AUDIENCE: An explosion.

15 AUDIENCE: Now, can we build another  
16 incinerator that close in proximity? I think there's EPA  
17 laws saying we can't build it close to an old age housing  
18 project, close to schools. There has to be a law there  
19 saying, okay, we can't start an incinerator up; we are  
20 closer than a mile to a school.

21 MR. SCHROCK: That is for a permanent location.

22 AUDIENCE: Permanent.

23 MR. SCHROCK: Yes. And the way the Superfund  
24 is written, they want it to be done at the location.

25 AUDIENCE: I have already been through a lot

1 with the Federal Government, and they are not watching over  
2 us; they are hurting us.

3 MR. SCHROCK: I'm going to try and watch this  
4 one. But I'm not the Federal Government either; I just  
5 happen to work for them.

6 AUDIENCE: The monitor that you are talking  
7 about, a movable monitor, okay. If we put a movable  
8 monitor in, is that going to be real time or is that going  
9 to be thirty days? We can't shut them down and say --

10 MR. SCHROCK: It is not real time. I have to  
11 collect a sample and then send that off for analysis.

12 AUDIENCE: So in thirty days you will say, hey,  
13 we made a mistake, thirty days, will you shut her down now?  
14 Now it might be all right.

15 MR. SCHROCK: We will be doing daily analysis  
16 of the material that goes in. That will be done daily.

17 AUDIENCE: You were talking about downwind. We  
18 are upwind in Mill Hall. Is there going to be any checking  
19 done up there or are we safe?

20 MR. SCHROCK: Just from what I know of Mill  
21 Hall, it is pretty far away miles wise.

22 AUDIENCE: It's five minutes or less.

23 MR. SCHROCK: I know where the sign is. But  
24 one of them will be upwind. That is the idea of having  
25 four, so we can get -- because the wind, you know, it

1 changes. Even though you are generally upwind --

2 AUDIENCE: We used to get lots of dirt from the  
3 paper mill. I'm not complaining, just saying that it did  
4 come up there. What the paper mill was doing, we knew  
5 everybody wasn't afraid, so we were happy.

6 MR. SCHROCK: Well, there will be one at what  
7 we consider on the upwind side. That is why I have chosen  
8 four, to try and accommodate for the fact that the wind  
9 direction changes.

10 Let's take a minute.

11 (Brief recess.)

12 MS. NURSE: Ladies and gentlemen, we would like  
13 to get started again.

14 MR. SCHROCK: I guess we should try and start  
15 up again here. There is really only one more topic I  
16 wanted to bring up.

17 All right. I'll take the question first.

18 AUDIENCE: I've had my hand up for some time.  
19 The question I wanted to ask you, in 1996 you are going to  
20 have a layer of clean soil extending down to a depth of  
21 twelve and a half feet on that site, correct?

22 MR. SCHROCK: Well, almost, yes.

23 AUDIENCE: The water table on that site is  
24 likely to move up and down.

25 MR. SCHROCK: Yes.

1                   AUDIENCE: How much of that clean soil is in  
2 some danger of being recontaminated by dirty groundwater  
3 that has not yet been treated? Is there a risk associated  
4 with that, and give me an estimate of what the risk is  
5 going to be.

6                   MR. SCHROCK: The groundwater will, in fact,  
7 move up and down through the clean soils and the treated  
8 ash. There is no question that that is going to happen.

9                   How much of it will stick to the clean soils or  
10 the ash, I truly don't know. This particular substance, we  
11 don't have good data on how good it sticks to things.

12                  AUDIENCE: Will somebody check on that?

13                  MR. PEDLOW: Beta naphthalene sticks well.

14                  MR. SCHROCK: It does and it doesn't. But like  
15 I say, it's very questionable. There is no good hard  
16 science of how well it sticks.

17                  My intention is not to purposely go down and  
18 recheck so that I can go dig it up and incinerate it again.  
19 My only concern about checking would be if, in fact,  
20 somebody wants to go in there and start building something,  
21 and then if they want to get a release from EPA for  
22 liability, then we are going to have to address is there  
23 any recontamination and at what levels that would be. And  
24 if they should then place any extra restrictions based on  
25 want they find.

1 AUDIENCE: What I'm asking you is, do you know  
2 of the probability that clean soil will be recontaminated?

3 MR. SCHROCK: I think the probability is high.  
4 I just don't know at what concentrations it will be  
5 recontaminated.

6 AUDIENCE: So you don't know whether it is  
7 above the level at which you would consider it to be a  
8 problem?

9 MR. SCHROCK: No, I don't know that yet. If  
10 I'm lucky, and this is really the one thing I really wanted  
11 to mention again, we do have to get the groundwater pump  
12 and treat program in place. Okay.

13 Within the next year or two, I think AC&C will  
14 have a full-scale pumping operation on their property, and  
15 I hope to have in conjunction with them full-scale pumping  
16 in what I call Zone 2 or that area between the track and  
17 220.

18 So that will at least minimize the up and down  
19 because those wells will continue to be extracting. And  
20 the other part of it is, over time I hope the groundwater  
21 concentrations will decrease.

22 But the real benefit is, if I remove the main  
23 source of the beth naphthalene, even if it moves up and  
24 down, it is not going to be the kind of concentrations I  
25 have there now, and the permanence will not be as forever.



1           / Because once the groundwater is cleaned up, it  
2 will still move up and down. But again, yes, it's going to  
3 be recontaminated. At what levels, I don't know, but that  
4 is not going to constitute a reason for me to go back in  
5 and dig it all up a second time and do it another time.  
6 Once is all we are going to do it at this site.

7           AUDIENCE: What if you found out that it was  
8 recontaminated to near the same level that it already is?  
9 It is no likely, I admit, but...

10           MR. SCHROCK: EPA does have a policy where we  
11 would have to do a five-year review to basically say is  
12 there something more we ought to be doing now. That will  
13 kick in because we still will have the groundwater  
14 contamination.

15           Yes, it is a possibility. But I would be  
16 surprised if it really went back up to the concentrations  
17 that were there based on the lagoons from before. And  
18 again, if somebody is going to get down there and start  
19 digging around, they are going to have to look, and then  
20 yes, maybe that means we are going to have to do something.

21           I won't say we won't, but our plans are not to  
22 go looking and to try and just reincinerate it a second or  
23 third time based on the groundwater flow.

24           MR. PEDLOW: Again, I'm George Pedlow; I'm a  
25 geologist from Lock Haven. You, at the beginning of this

1 evening, said that you were going to dig down twelve and a  
2 half feet because two things happen at twelve and a half  
3 feet, you go out of the soil and into the sand and gravel  
4 deposit, and it's the sand and gravel deposit that largely  
5 contains the water, which is generally true on the  
6 long-term average.

7 But just in the last two years, the water table  
8 has gone through a vertical transient of about seven feet  
9 twice, and the streams have never gotten to flood stage.  
10 The adjacent streams have never gotten to flood stage.

11 The second point is that the Flood Plain  
12 Management Review Committee has recently issued a report in  
13 which they are recommending that RCRA facilities be  
14 designed to withstand the effects of the standard project  
15 flood.

16 And I'm also addressing this to the gentlemen  
17 from the Baltimore District. Correct me if I'm wrong, our  
18 present levy situation doesn't even get up to the standard  
19 project flood level; is that right?

20 MR. SCHROCK: My understanding is, RCRA has a  
21 100-year flood requirement.

22 MR. PEDLOW: I'm saying this is a  
23 recommendation.

24 MR. SWANSON: Once it's completed?

25 MR. PEDLOW: The finished grade of the levy is

1 not up to the standard project flood level.

2 MR.. SWANSON: I have no idea what that term  
3 means. I do know the levy is designed for a frequent storm  
4 of 200 years. I don't know what the flood plain  
5 management's standard projects are.

6 AUDIENCE: Apparently it varies from place to  
7 place in the country. And here it's like a 350-year storm,  
8 roughly speaking.

9 MR. SWANSON: I haven't heard that. I'm not  
10 familiar with that terminology.

11 MR. PEDLOW: Another way of looking at it is  
12 that the general design memorandum says that is something  
13 like 70 percent of -- the planned grade for the levy is 70  
14 percent of the standard project flood.

15 The point that I'm trying to get at here is,  
16 would these recommendations in this newly issued report  
17 have any effect on what you are planning to do?

18 MR. SCHROCK: I don't know what that new report  
19 says about the flood plain conditions. Under RCRA we are  
20 required to do protection for a 100-year flood for any  
21 facility in a flood plain; and that is the way we wrote the  
22 record of decision for this site.

23 And it's my understanding that the levy that  
24 has been built will meet the 100-year flood protection  
25 requirement. So if this report has a different

1 recommendation, I would have to see it.

2 But again, the purpose of that kind of  
3 requirement is really talking about a permanent facility.  
4 Not that I don't have to worry about a flood if I'm there  
5 during the time one happens. I still have to worry about  
6 that.

7 But if that is a long-term recommendation, then  
8 I'm sure it's applied to something more on a permanent  
9 basis. But generally we don't -- we won't permit something  
10 or they should not be permitting that kind of facility in a  
11 flood plain.

12 We are only doing that because that is where  
13 the site is located and our goal it to try to remediate it  
14 at the site.

15 MR. BROGARD: Roy, I'm Bob Brogard from Lock  
16 Haven. You seem to be concentrating on four monitoring  
17 points. In view of the anxiety level, why wouldn't you  
18 care to expand that to six or even eight?

19 I would simply think that the people have a  
20 right to have that level of security, that yes, there is  
21 nothing out there.

22 Would it increase your budget that much  
23 or --

24 MR. SCHROCK: Well, it's not really a budget  
25 concern as much. I have said before, if something has to

1 be done for protectiveness, I would do that. To be honest,  
2 the real reason is, you are going to find something out  
3 there.

4 MR. BROGARD: Sure.

5 MR. SCHROCK: And it's going to be very  
6 difficult, if not impossible, to really relate what we find  
7 back to the incinerator. What I'm really trying to say is,  
8 I have asked around the country a number of places on how  
9 to do this, and there really isn't any, quote, cook book  
10 recommendation of how to go about doing an in-the-community  
11 ambient air monitoring program.

12 And the reason that it's so difficult and we  
13 are going to be doing this and hopefully, you know, I will  
14 get reliable data, but what we have seen at other sites is,  
15 you could have two samplers, both for the volatile  
16 chemicals on the same platform and come up with  
17 dramatically different data out of two points that are only  
18 five feet apart.

19 What I'm trying to say is that this is not  
20 really very reliable information from a scientific point of  
21 view. So yes, I think we need to do it. If we get into  
22 something where we find that, yes, in fact, we should be  
23 doing more, I'll ask them to add more.

24 MR. BROGARD: It would seem to me data from  
25 eight is better than data from four.

1 MR. SCHROCK: If it tells me something, yes, it  
2 would be better. Okay.

3 MR. BROGARD: But unless you ask, you don't  
4 know what you are going to get back.

5 MR. SCHROCK: Right. So that's why I'm  
6 starting with four. I'll do a base line and I'll do it  
7 during operation. If I find there is a dramatic difference  
8 that I can attribute to the incinerator operation, because  
9 we will have the chemical data from the stack trial burn  
10 monitoring, if I find those particular chemicals are the  
11 ones showing up changing from base line to incineration,  
12 then that is going to tell me that maybe I do need to do  
13 something more.

14 So again, it's more that I have to start at  
15 some point, and this is the place that I have decided to  
16 choose, at least for the four stations, including, we got  
17 four more around the perimeter as well as the workers on  
18 site, and we do have chemical data going out the stack. I  
19 may need to monitor more times going out the stack as well.

20 But if I were going to really be adding more  
21 money and cost to the project, I would rather have more  
22 in-stack testing to make sure that that equipment is  
23 working the same way it started than more monitors in the  
24 community.

25 So, you know, it's a trade-off, but until I

1 get -- you know, there's a number of things we've talked  
2 about in the project. I'm going to go through  
3 pre-monitoring, during monitoring, and then once we start  
4 operation, I've got a good thirty days of full scale  
5 everyday monitoring.

6 I'm going to have to get that data and sit down  
7 and look at it and figure out, do we need to do anything  
8 different; is there something that has to change.

9 So I'm not opposed to that, but I've got to  
10 start somewhere and that is where I have chosen to start,  
11 in lack of an EPA recommended how to do it. There is no  
12 reg out there that I can say that is why I chose four.

13 But we are going to have four stations with  
14 five or six different monitor sampling units on each of  
15 those stations and have the ability to get something that I  
16 might be able to move where we find a problem.

17 I'm more concerned about the inversion than  
18 anything else. I think we need an answer to that  
19 question. When we get stagnant wind, what does that do to  
20 the air concentration?

21 MR. BROGARD: I have one more question. You  
22 have a twelve-foot depth on it, suppose there is a sinkhole  
23 right below that twelve-foot?

24 MR. SCHROCK: That was on my list. We have the  
25 ability to say we found something here and it's below your

1 twelve and a half feet. It's a big gunk of purple mass;  
2 yes, dig it out. That goes too.

3 The only reason we set that elevation level is  
4 because you still need to define the project. And I didn't  
5 want to set a chemical number so that they would have to  
6 keep sampling and sampling and before you know it, I'd  
7 probably be digging up all of AC&C, and then instead of 40  
8 million, I would be talking 100.

9 So I had to at least define the limits as to  
10 where I stopped. But we do have the ability to say that's  
11 below your elevation and it still looks like it could --  
12 what if there was a drum down there; yeah, take the drum  
13 out.

14 The contract does allow for costs specific to  
15 taking drums out and taking them off site for disposal. So  
16 yeah, we have the ability to play a little bit like that.

17 Okay. I'm going to stay around for a while.  
18 I'll still be ready to answer questions, but I want to give  
19 this woman a break. And Leanne has another comment?

20 MS. NURSE: No. I just wanted to remind  
21 people, we have a sign-in sheet. It is not formal but it  
22 will get transcribed. So if you would like to receive --  
23 we are going to be doing some future mailings and other  
24 announcements. People have requested certain types of  
25 material.



1                   So if you have a specific interest or if you  
2 would like to become part of an updated mailing list,  
3 please sign it before you leave. Thank you.

4                   MR. SCHROCK: Thank you again.

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